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(TED NATIONS, Dec. 7, (R) — The General Assembly Thursday night ended all partial agreements and separate negotiations which violate the recognized rights of Palestinian people and contradict the principles of justice and comprehensive solution to the Middle East problem.

Resolution, adopted by 102 votes in and 17 against with 20 abstentions, ended the assembly's debate on the Middle East. It was sponsored by a group of Arab states.

One week after the assembly, in a debate, adopted a resolution declaring Camp David accords between Egypt and Israel are invalid in so far as they purport to determine the future of the Palestinian people and the occupied Palestinian territories.

Friday night's resolution called for the convening of the Middle East peace conference which met briefly in 1975 under chairmanship of the United States and the United Nations. It said all parties concerned participate on an equal footing, including the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

The sponsoring group included Cuba, Guyana, India, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Yugoslavia.

Resolution condemned Israel's "continued occupation of Palestinian and other territories." It declared that peace was impossible and that a just and lasting settlement of the Middle East question must be based on a comprehensive solution, under auspices, which takes into account all the rights of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Resolution, in particular, to the attainment of Palestinian people of all its inalienable rights and Israeli withdrawal from "all the occupied Arab and Palestinian territories, including Jerusalem."

Resolution reaffirmed that until Israel withdraws and until the Palestinian people exercise their rights, a comprehensive, just and lasting peace would not be achieved.

Security Council was requested to take necessary measures to ensure the implementation of relevant council and UN resolutions.

17 countries against the resolution: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Dominican Republic, West Germany, Guatemala, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, United States and United States.

20 abstentions were Austria, Barbados, Burma, Central African Republic, Southern Yemen, Fiji, Finland, Honduras, Iraq, Japan, Malawi, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Portugal, Samoa, Swaziland and Sweden.

Indian Ambassador Ahmed Esmat Meguid voted for the resolution, saying at a just and lasting peace would not be achieved unless Israel withdrew from all occupied territories, including Jerusalem.

Nephew of ex-Shah killed

Iran to set trial for hostages

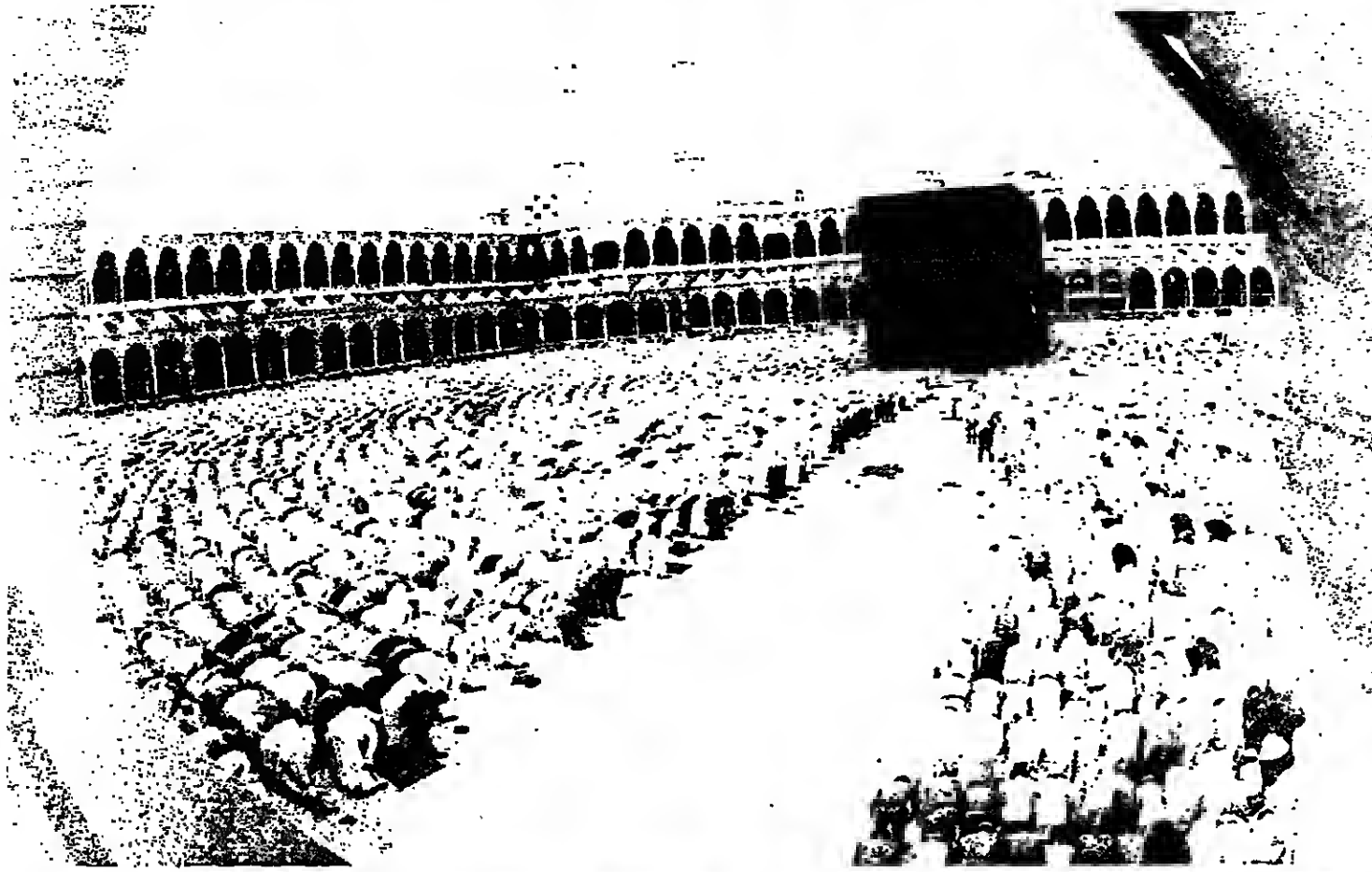
TEHRAN, Dec. 7 (Agencies) — Iran announced Friday that within 48 hours it will set a statement on a spy trial date for some 50 American hostages at the U.S. Embassy and that death sentences are possible.

Announcement was made by Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, who also said Americans not suspected of spying will be released "as soon as possible," and that statements were being made for all the hostages to be visited.

However, the student militants holding the hostages contradicted the minister: "We release nobody, nobody at all" unless the Shah is returned, and "we have made no decision on the visits."

Washington, the State Department said announcement was "absolutely outrageous."

After Ramsay, a State Department public affairs officer, responded: "Our position is all the hostages should be released. We hope the news that visits to the hostages be arranged and we hope they can be freed soon."



FRIDAY PRAYER: Thousands of Muslims during Friday's prayer at the Grand Mosque.

Aba Al Khail in interview

Saudi economy unshaken by transfers

By Jim Landers

JEDDAH, Dec. 7 — An "interest war" among countries trying to fight inflation by tightening credit policies caused the drain of large amounts of money out of Saudi Arabia's private sector over the last few months, according to Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail.

In an article published Saturday, *Saudi Business* magazine quoted Aba Al-Khail as saying that the transfers had nothing to do with a loss of confidence in the Saudi economy from the political rhetoric and violence now buffeting the Gulf. He scotched rumors implying that the attack on Mecca's Holy Haram had accelerated the foreign exchange transfers.

"I don't believe there are any such rumors," Aba Al-Khail said, "nor do I find any justification for them."

"The high rates of interest in some countries in recent months led to the transfer of huge amounts of different currencies into the ones with the highest return," the minister explained. "Of late, the high rates of the rial have attracted funds back that came from different currencies. This so-called interest war will continue to be a cause of drawing capital from one currency to another."

Capital outflows from Saudi Arabia's private sector are not of themselves unusual. Expatriates send home earnings, foreign companies send part of their profits abroad, importers pay for their goods. But recently, the outflow has been exceptionally high, driving Saudi banking interest rates up to levels of 11-13 per cent.

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Prayers resound from Holy Haram

By Ahmed Al Mohandes

MECCA, Dec. 7 — The call to prayer was sounded from the Holy Haram here Friday, one day after King Khaled and a joyful throng of worshippers formally reopened it and gave thanks to God for an end to the 15-day siege at the mosque.

Cries of "Allah Akbar" (God is great) rang out from the thousands of worshippers who followed the King, Crown Prince Fahd and other leaders into the mosque Thursday.

Many of the worshippers camped out in the mosque all night to be on hand for the traditional Friday noon prayers, which were held here for the first time in three weeks.

Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah and Defense Minister Prince Sultan were joined by most other cabinet members, high government officials and senior military officers in offering thanks at an end to the siege.

The mosque was reopened to the public just two days after Saudi security forces crushed the last resistance by the group of renegades who had stormed the mosque during morning prayers on Nov. 20, prompting a wave of condemnation from all over the Islamic world.

Sixty members of the armed forces lost their lives during the fierce fighting at the mosque and another 200 were wounded. The renegades suffered 75 killed, and 170 captured by security forces when they were finally flushed from their hiding place in the tunnels underneath the mosque early Tuesday morning.

But Thursday and Friday the reminders of the siege were put behind the jubilant worshippers — if not forgotten — as thousands joined the King in performing the tawaf (circling the Holy Kaaba) and sipping water from the Zamzam spring inside the mosque.

Cleaning up of the rubble left by the two weeks of fighting against the fanatical followers of a self-proclaimed "expected Mahdi" had been accomplished in record time, and all was in readiness when the King arrived early Thursday afternoon.

The public address system, which had been destroyed during the fighting, had been replaced, and was in readiness for the call to prayers and the Friday speech by the mosque's Imam which is broadcast to the rest of the Kingdom.

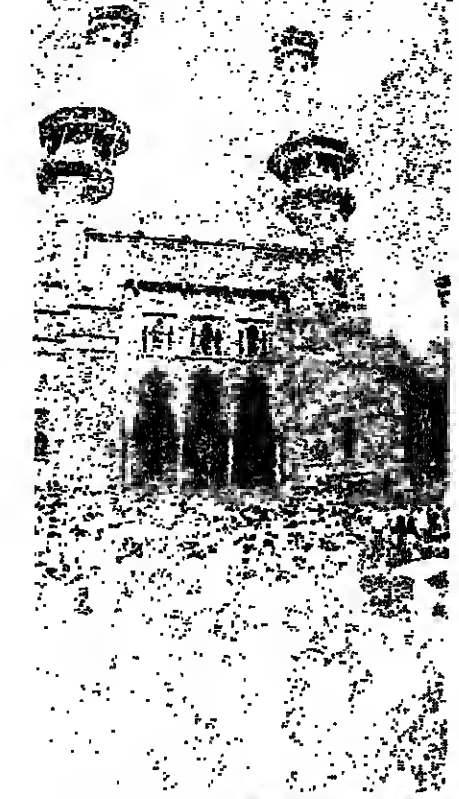
Only the pockmarks made by bullets on the columns and walls surrounding the vast open courtyard of the mosque were left as evidence of the fighting which had raged for five to six days before the renegades were forced into the tunnels underneath the mosque.

In the center, the Holy Kaaba was untouched by the trouble, and the King circled it seven times — as is called for in the tawaf — kissed the Black Stone, and drank a bit of the water from the spring.

His prayers, echoed by the thousands of other worshippers at the mosque, thanked God for clearing the mosque of the renegades and restoring peace and security to the Holy Haram.

Later on, along with other members of the Royal Family, ministers, officials and the vast crowd inside, he performed the evening prayers (the Maghrib) and kissed the Black Stone one more time before returning to Jeddah.

At the entrance to the mosque on his arrival, King Khaled had been greeted by Interior Minister Prince Naif and Governor



AT THE GATE: Throngs of worshippers entering one of the Grand Mosque's gates for prayer Friday.

of Mecca Prince Fawaz along with leading citizens of Mecca and the senior religious officials of the mosque.

Saudi television and radio relayed the prayers live to countries all over the world via satellite, in addition to broadcasting the scene throughout the Kingdom.

After leaving Mecca, the King held a dinner party in Jeddah for members of the Royal Family, members of the consultative council and leading citizens of the Kingdom.

The Deputy leader of the council, Sheikh Ahmad ibn Ibrahim Al-Ghazawi recited a poem in praise of the government's actions in clearing the mosque and subduing the renegades.

As had Thursday's prayers, the traditional Friday noon prayers from the mosque were relayed via satellite to other Islamic states.

In his message to the assembled worshippers the mosque's Imam denounced the attack on the mosque and the renegades who mounted it, praised the government for its handling of the siege, and prayed to God to save the Muslims from all such evils.

The King returned to Riyadh Friday after sending and receiving a number of cables from Islamic heads of state and officials of the Kingdom. He also met in Jeddah with Qatar Foreign Minister Sheikh Suhaim ibn Hamad Al-Thani, who arrived Friday morning.

Sheikh Suhaim later continued on to Mecca to perform the minor pilgrimage (umrah).

Friday King Khaled cabled King Hussein of Jordan thanking him for his cable marking the end of the siege and extending his condolences for the soldiers who fell during the battle for the Grand Mosque.

And he received a cable from King Hassan of Morocco congratulating him on the clearing of the mosque.

Lube plant commissioned

JEDDAH, Dec. 7 (SPA) — Petromin has commissioned design work on what will be one of the largest lubricating oil refineries in the world.

The agency authorized Standard Oil of California and Texaco to go ahead with design on the 12,000 barrels a day export refinery to be built at Jubail, SPA reported Friday from Riyadh.

Both firms are partners with Petromin in the project, holding 25 percent each of the equity to Petromin's 50 percent. The plant, when it comes on stream in the middle of the 1980s, will have an annual production of 4.3 million barrels. That compares with Petromin's Jeddah lube refinery's capacity of one million a year.

The agreement signed Thursday provides for an engineering package to be prepared over the next 18 months that includes costing, designs, specifications and examination of how to tie the refinery in with other facilities planned for Jubail. It is expected to cost \$15 million.

The final review of the project will be made when the study is complete, and a final decision to go ahead will be taken then.

The agreement was signed in Riyadh between Petromin Governor Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher and representatives of the two American companies.

Eritreans step up fighting

KHARTOUM, Dec. 7 (R) — Eritrean rebels said they were stepping up a counter-offensive against Ethiopian troops with tanks and artillery captured in a big battle last weekend.

A spokesman for the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) said its men were attacking retreating Ethiopian forces with five tanks and many 76 mm field guns seized during heavy fighting near the north-eastern town of Nakfa.

The reported defeat of seven government brigades was the first success for many months for the EPLF, one of three groups fighting for the independence of the Red Sea province.

Nakfa, a shell-torn town perched high among precipitous, barren mountains, was the only guerrilla stronghold which held out against a big Soviet-backed Ethiopian campaign last year.

The front spokesman said that while fighting continued in the north, Eritreans attacked government barracks and administration offices at Ghinda, on a twisting mountain road between the Red Sea port of Massawa and Asmara, the Eritrean capital. He described the 90-minute assault on Monday as a harassing raid.

U.K. apologizes to Yemen

SANAA, Dec. 7 (SPA) — Prime Minister Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani has received a written apology from British Prime Minister Mrs. Margaret Thatcher for the impounding of a plane which was due to take him home after a visit to London.

In her apology Mrs. Thatcher hoped that the "incident would not affect" North Yemen-British relations.

North Yemen ambassador in London Muhammad Iryani received the apology during a meeting Thursday with British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sir Ian Gilmour.

The airliner, which took Abdulaziz Abdul-Ghani to London on an official visit, was impounded by a court order.

British Midland Airways claims North Yemen owes it \$4.2 million for help it gave in setting up the North Yemeni airline.

Sanana television said North Yemen had protested strongly to the British government against impounding the airliners.

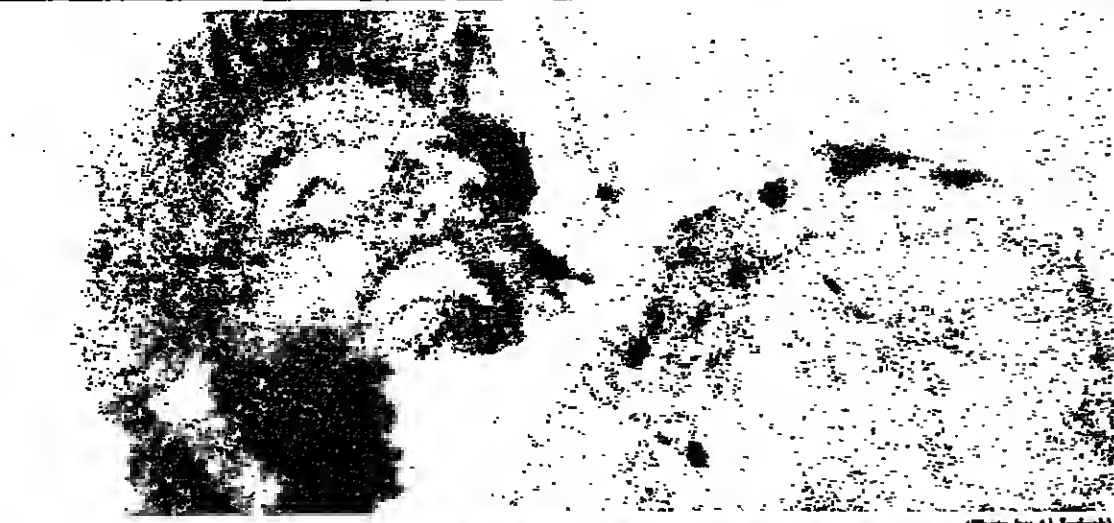
Mosque martyrs fund set up

JEDDAH, Dec. 7 — Minister of Public Works and Housing Prince Miteh has given SR1 million toward a fund to help the families of members of the security forces killed in the battle for the Holy Mosque in Mecca.

A writer in *Al-Medina* newspaper had proposed setting up the fund.

Prince Miteh said the fund should be used to build houses for those who did not own their own and to improve the lot of those who did by buying stocks and shares to ensure steady incomes for them.

Sheikh Saleh Kamel, chairman



KILLED: This picture of a man killed in the government's final assault on the Great Mosque in Mecca was identified by other attackers as the man who claimed to be the awaited Mahdi. His name was Muhammad bin Abdullah Al-Qahtani.

of Avco Dallah and many others, also gave SR1 million. Interior Minister Prince Naif said last week that 60 soldiers were killed and 200 wounded in the 15 days of fighting to recapture the mosque from the renegades who occupied it.

Al-Medina columnist Hassan Abdul Haiy Gazzaz offered SR750,000 of his own to launch

the fund. Sheikh Hosni Saleh had donated SR10,000 for himself, SR2,000 for his sons, and SR2,000 for employees of his company.

Sheikh Ahmad Hassan Fitalhi, the jeweller, has pledged SR50,000. A reader of *Al-Medina* suggested that every government employee donate SR5 to SR10 of

next pay packet to the fund as a symbol of their participation and care for the martyrs.

In another development, a Palestinian bere who was owed SR20,000 by a Jordanian for the treatment of the Jordanian's family abroad was so overwhelmed by the reopening of the Holy Haram that he forfeited the loan.

Sultan approves project

Pollution monitoring set

DAMMAM, Dec. 7 (SPA) — Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan has approved a project for building 17 radar stations which will measure levels of water pollution off the western and eastern coasts of the Kingdom. They will also measure air pollution.

They will cost SR60 million, and will be built in 24 months by the Directorate General of meteorology.

The project involves automatic and electronic warning devices to measure air conditions and issue warnings and guidance to shipping and oil transport operations in territorial waters. Fishermen and the public in general will profit from

their services.

There will be devices for measuring the distance of the sun, to be operated in cooperation with the Saudi Arabian National Center for Science and Technology in Riyadh. Detectors will measure the degree of air pollution and specify the chemical compound of the pollutant.

Information from these stations will assist the pollution control program in Saudi Arabia.

The stations will submit information to the European Satellite in West Germany, which will process and return to an analysis center in Jeddah. A computer center is under construction now. It will be completed in 16 months.

WEATHER

Temperatures will drop in most areas, particularly in the eastern and central regions.

Low and medium cloud will gather in most parts, with possible thunderstorms in the northern, eastern and central regions.

Winds will be westerly to north-westerly and moderate. They may be active occasionally, raising dust.

Seas will be moderate.

Friday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in celsius)

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| Jeddah | 28 | 18 | Wajh | 23 | 16 |
| Riyadh | 26 | 12 | Turaif | 10 | 07 |
| Dhahran | 26 | 13 | Arar | 13 | 08 |
| Medina | 23 | 14 | Sulayyeh | — | — |
| Taif | 22 | 11 | Abha | 20 | 09 |

Says rupture caused by Jewish lobby

Chatti offers Iranian mediation

By a Staff Writer

LONDON, Dec. 7 — The newly-elected secretary general of the Jeddah-based Organization of the Islamic Conference, Habib Chatti, says he will "place himself at the disposal" of Ayatollah Khomeini to help defuse the crisis in Tehran.

Chatti returns here Saturday evening from London after attending an international seminar on Jerusalem. (See related story page three).

In an interview with *Arab News* here he accused the Zionist lobby in the United States of having created the crisis in relations with Iran by bringing pressure to bear on the Administration to bring the Shah to New York on the pretext that he was ill.

He again denounced the occupation of the Holy Haram by a group of renegades and praised and thanked King Khaled and his government for the way they handled the situation.

He also said that Arabs and Muslims will liberate Jerusalem, by war or by any other means and whatever time this might take.

He added that Camp David has ended in its complete bankruptcy and that there will be no just peace unless Israel withdraws, Jerusalem is recovered and the Palestinian people re-establish their legitimate rights, including the right to set up their independent state.

He disclosed that an Islamic Summit Conference is scheduled in Saudi Arabia in 1980 or 1981.

Chatti was elected at an extraordinary meeting of Islamic foreign ministers in New York last October, to replace the outgoing Dr. Amadou Karim Gaye of Senegal for a two-year mandate as head of the 42 member state OIC.

He said the OIC was a tool for solving Muslim and Arab problems and that he hoped he would be able to use that tool during his tenure, for serving both communities.

He added that he will endeavor to turn Islamic solidarity into a

E. Province road award due

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tangible reality by ensuring coordination among member states towards major world problems such as Muslim minorities, racism in Africa and the cause of peace in general.

Among the means to achieve such goals he said "we must try to reinforce the non-aligned movement which is the third power between the two other blocs."

Chatti said that anti-Islamic feelings in the West resulting from the Iranian crisis were upsetting.

"The crisis in Iran was a political one between it and the United States, and not an Islamic one. Hence the need to study its background before making a judgment," he said.

He also said that the Islamic world is not facing any crisis between Sunni and Shia. "The problem now is that we all belong to the third world and are facing the threat of backwardness, because we haven't come out of it yet," he explained.



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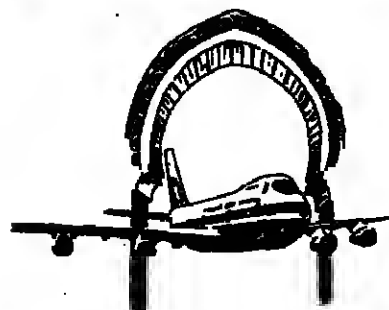
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Says Jerusalem must be free

Seminar lashes Israeli occupation

LONDON, Dec. 7 (SPA) — The Zionist occupation of Jerusalem is illegal and has absolutely no historical justification, a statement issued at the end of a seminar on Jerusalem said here Wednesday.

The statement described the Zionist occupation of the Holy city as a serious threat to world peace. It added that the Palestinian problem was a cause for anxiety in the whole world.

It also urged all countries to work for the restoration of Jerusalem to the Arab fold and for the re-establishment of the Palestinian people's legitimate rights, foremost among which is their right to set up an independent state.

The seminar was sponsored by the Saudi Ministry of Information in cooperation with the Jeddah-based Organization of the Islamic Conference and the London-based Islamic Council of Europe.

The statement also denounced the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, saying that the agreement consolidated the Zionist occupation of

Jerusalem, Palestine and the other occupied Arab territories and deprived the Palestinians of their right to self-determination and to independent statehood.

It pointed out that Islam recognized Christianity and Judaism and that Christians and Jews had never enjoyed the protection and freedom of worship in the Holy Places in Jerusalem as much as during the Islamic era.

Addressing the closing session,

the chairman and the chief Saudi Arabian delegate Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim Massoud, state minister and cabinet member, reviewed the history of Jerusalem from the time of the Yabuseites and the Canaanites to the Islamic era, which he said was characterized by its religious tolerance.

He said that the keys of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre were still in the guardianship of two Arab Muslim families, whose

members hand down their custody from father to son.

He also dealt with the role of Britain in forging the Palestinian tragedy by bringing in alternations to the Palestinians homeland at the time of the British mandate.

The alternations, on the heels of the World War II were a prelude for the adoption of the notorious U.N. resolution on Nov. 29, 1947, on the partition and internationalization of Jerusalem.

Mission visits Jeddah

Austrians seek role in Saudi development

By Farouk Laqman
JEDDAH, Dec. 7 — A leading Austrian businessman visiting Saudi Arabia says his country can compete favorably with any other country in the Saudi Arabian and other Middle Eastern market.

Leading a group of Austrian businessmen, Philipp Schoeller, president of the Industrial Section of the Federal Economic

Chamber of Austria said at a press conference here that Austria had the technology and experience to carry out any project either independently or as subcontractor to other large international companies.

Already Austrian companies are engaged in desalination projects, and have built a steel bridge on the road to Taif and power

plants in the Northern Region. But total exports to this country have tended to stagnate. In 1977 they amounted to 1.8 billion Austrian schillings, or SR 450 million. They decreased to 1.5 billion schillings last year and are expected to be slightly less this year.

"We should come again," he said "in time for the Third Five year Plan."

The contacts that they made here during this visit would help them in the future, he said. They met with Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim, Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khail and several deputy ministers and senior officials in charge of water, electricity and waste disposal as well as mayors and bankers.

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Indira Gandhi

Key role for peace, she says

Mrs. Gandhi praises Kingdom

NEW DELHI, Dec. 7 (SPA) — Former Indian Prime Minister and Head of the Congress (I) Party Indira Gandhi has expressed her admiration of the progress being achieved by Saudi Arabia. She says that the Kingdom is capable of playing a vital role in bringing peace to its part of the world.

Mrs. Gandhi said Thursday at a dinner given for Sheikh Ali Al-Saghir, the Saudi Arabian ambassador to India, that her support of the Palestinian cause was not only motivated by her friendship with Arab states, but from the belief that it was a just cause.

She added that friendly Indo-Arab relations go back many centuries.

Saghir spoke about relations between India and the Arabs. There was a possibility of cooperation between in numerous development projects, he said.

In New York, Secretary General of the United Nations Dr. Kurt Waldheim has also praised Saudi Arabia's role internationally and inside the organization of the United Nations.

He said Wednesday at a dinner given for him by the Saudi Arabian ambassador to the U.N., Samir Al-Shihahi, that the world could rely on the good intentions and sympathy of "that great country".

Waldheim stressed that he had

been impressed by his visit to Saudi Arabia and meetings with King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd.

The party was attended by leading diplomats, U.N. staff and journalists.

Sanaa Radio meanwhile Wednesday described relations between North Yemen and Saudi Arabia as unique, a model for bilateral relations between Arab states.

It said in a comment that the relationship was rooted deep in the souls of the two peoples, and has reached its peak under the present wise leaderships of the two countries.

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Brezhnev sends note to Amin

Moscow affirms Kabul support

MOSCOW, Dec. 7 (AP) — The Soviet Union's top leaders have affirmed the Kremlin's commitment to "all-round development of relations" with Afghanistan, the Soviet news agency Tass said.

Tass said Thursday Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and Premier Alexei Kosygin had sent a message to Afghan Prime Minister Hafizullah Amin marking the

one-year anniversary of a bilateral treaty of "friendship, good-neighborliness and cooperation."

They told Amin the treaty "fully meets the fundamental, durable interests of the peoples of both countries and is a concrete manifestation of the all-round development of Soviet-Afghan relations."

In a separate dispatch from Kabul, Tass reported that the gov-

ernment and ruling National Democratic Party have decided to form a "national organization in defense of the revolution."

No details about the new organization were given.

Tass said Amin spoke Thursday to delegates at a Kabul assembly about economic progress since the April 1978 revolution, citing a 5.26 per cent rise in gross national product and other figures.

According to Tass, Amin said the Soviet Union has been carrying out "strictly and very precisely" its obligations to Afghanistan under the treaty.

There was no mention in the Tass dispatch about the Kabul regime's increasingly bitter struggle against Muslim rebel forces.

In Karachi, meanwhile, the daily *Jang* reported Friday that two jets of Afghanistan's air force strafed some villages in Chitral district in northern Pakistan on Thursday.

There were no reports of casualties but several cattle were killed and some houses and crops were destroyed, it said.

Klibi calls on Iran to accept mediation on U.S. hostages

PARIS, Dec. 7 (R) — Arab League Secretary-General Cheddi Klibi has urged Iran to accept mediation over hostages held in the U.S. embassy in Tehran.

Klibi Thursday told the French Diplomatic Press Association that mediation by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) would be the best solution for "this unfortunate affair."

It would also be a humane solution for the hostages and for the United States. And it could give the Iranian Islamic revolution the chance to render an immense service to the Palestinian people and enhance the PLO's leadership claim to be a valid party to the negotiations for a settlement of the Middle East conflict, he added.

"I beseech Ayatollah Khomeini to accept such mediation which would give a big boost, a great leap forward to the Palestinian cause," he said.

Morocco views OAU call for ceasefire as positive

RABAT, Dec. 7 (R) — Morocco was prepared to consider a call made by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) for a ceasefire in the Western Sahara as a positive act, authorized sources have said.

The Moroccan news agency MAP Thursday quoted the sources as saying recommendations by a five-nation OAU committee on a ceasefire were addressed to "those who attack Morocco and artificially maintain tension in the area."

"Morocco will consider this appeal as a positive act insofar as those who keep attacking our country will deign to respect it," the sources said.

The ceasefire appeal was made early Thursday in Monrovia, capital of Liberia at the end of a two-day meeting of an ad hoc OAU committee seeking an end to a four-year guerrilla war in the Western Sahara, a former Spanish colony in northwest Africa rich in phosphates.

The "wise men committee" said the ceasefire and a policing operation should be followed by a United Nations-controlled referendum in the territory.

Spain originally ceded it to Morocco and Mauritania but Mauritania renounced all claims to its part of the area last spring.

Morocco then annexed the entire territory and stepped up its war against guerrillas of the Algerian-backed Polisario Front who are fighting for the independence of the territory.

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Israel to crack down on West Bank rallies

TEL AVIV, Dec. 7 (AP) — Israel had decided to crack down on rallies of Palestinian mayors of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which sprouted up over the planned expulsion of Nablus Mayor Izzat Shakra, Israel television reported Thursday.

The decision came after the mayors met and called for a Palestinian state and an end to Jewish settlements in the occupied territories.

Shakra, who was released Wednesday after a military appeals board recommended to cancel the expulsion order, did not attend the rally. Shakra has been warned to stay away from any political activity.

Defense Minister Ezer Weizman alleged that the reversal of Israel's plan to deport Shakra showed "Israel has the power and the justice to reconsider decisions."

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The blast shattered the windows of the national airline Gulfair and Dutch airlines (KLM). In Beirut, a little-known guerrilla group calling itself "the sons of occupied territory organization" has claimed responsibility for the explosion. It said its men had attacked "airline companies allied with world imperialism."

Libya to pay for embassy damage

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (R) — Libya told the United States Thursday it would pay for damage to the U.S. embassy in Tripoli which was stormed by pro-Iranian demonstrators last Sunday, U.S. officials said. The United States Wednesday suspended operations at the embassy and threatened to take further steps unless the Libyan government accepted responsibility for the attack and gave assurances on the future security of American personnel there.

Explosion injures three in Israel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 7 (R) — Three persons were injured Thursday when a gas cylinder exploded in a warehouse in Israel's southern port of Ashdod, police said. Elsewhere, three students were injured in a brawl between Jews and Palestinians attending Hebrew University. Police said fistfights broke out on the campus among some 20 students who had been discussing the Middle East problem.

Istanbul university professor slain

ISTANBUL, Dec. 7 (AP) — Unidentified gunmen killed a university of Istanbul sociology professor Friday, police said. Cavit Orhan Tutengil, who taught at the school of economics, was ambushed by three to four gunmen as he left his home on his way to work, police said. The gunman sped away in a car.

Saddam Hussein gets Chadli's note

BAGHDAD, Dec. 7 (R) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has received a message from Algerian President Benjedid Chadli, the Iraqi News Agency reported. It said the message, delivered Thursday by the Algerian minister of information and culture, dealt with questions of joint interest.

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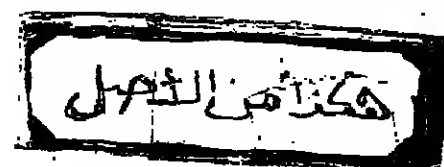
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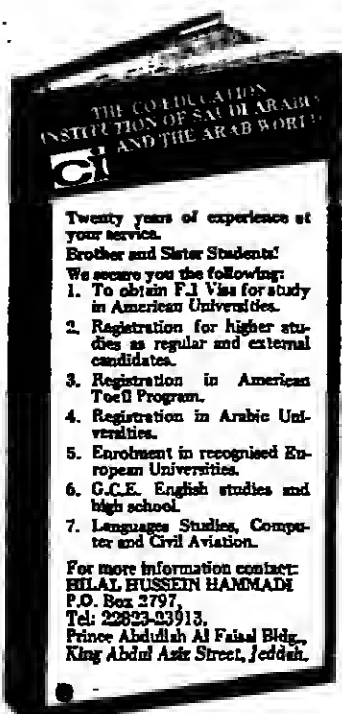
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A resurgent Islam is giving China the jitters

By Dennis Bloodworth

SINGAPORE —

The first Chinese Muslims to make the pilgrimage from Peking to Mecca in the past 15 years may have had a narrow escape when zealots gunned their way into the grand mosque.

A party 16-strong, they had set out for Saudi Arabia just one month before with the blessing of their Marxist-Leninist masters, who seek to beguile Muslims at home and abroad with "liberal" gestures towards their faith in order to rally them against the Russians.

But, like their Soviet rivals, the Chinese now find themselves treading quicksands evoked by the current Islamic revival.

Most of China's Muslims are minority peoples scattered across the sparse north-western regions of the republic that share a long frontier with the USSR and pro-Soviet Mongolia, and their fragile loyalty to Peking must at all costs be maintained. While the Chinese watch the impact of the renaissance religious fervor on their own faithful with narrowed eyes, therefore, they draw comfort from evidence that it has caught the Russians cross-footed.

Across the border, almost one Soviet citizen in every five is now a Muslim: there are more than 45,000,000 of them, mainly in the central Asian republics of the USSR and often geographically and culturally close to their neighbors in Iran, Pakistan,

and Afghanistan. The Russians have already aroused wrath in Islam over the bloody suppression of Muslim revolt against their pro-Soviet puppets in Kabul. And they must hold their breath while time decides whether the spurious tacit truce between the Ayatollah Khomeini and the pro-Soviet Tudeh Party in Iran ends in a victory for Communism, or another war against the USSR, or both.

But the delicate structure of China's own realpolitik, directed against the 'hegemonists' in the Kremlin, has also been shaken by the Iranian explosion and is developing disquieting cracks.

It had seemed sound enough, Peking's policy towards Israel enabled the Chinese to look everyone in the eye simultaneously. China, "standing together with all Islamic countries", supported the Arab and Palestinian peoples in their struggle. At the same time, China recognized Israel's right to exist, "understood" President Sadat's motives in signing a peace agreement with the Jewish state, but urged the U.S. to befriend the Arabs in order to freeze out the Soviet imperialists.

More concerned with the Russian menace than revolutionary merit, the Chinese found their friends among the anti-Soviet and often more feudalistic of the Middle East states. When Moscow imposed an embargo, China stepped in to supply Egypt with arms, and in June Sadat announced that Peking was to deliver a large consignment of Chinese-built MiGs. But the Chinese also established formal ties

with Oman, and, as suspicion of the Soviets mounted, their peripatetic Deputy Foreign Minister Ho Ying was made increasingly welcome in the Gulf.

Peking shares with the Gulf states their fear that Moscow may one day make a bid to shut off the flow of oil-tankers through the Straits of Hormuz, since for one thing that could half-paralyze Japan, on whose economic health, wealth and wisdom China's all-important modernization program heavily depends. When Chairman Hua Guofeng passed through Tehran in August 1978, it was reported that he had promised the Shah Peking's support if he would put together a military alliance for the defence of the Gulf.

Against Russian expansionism, pro-American, anti-Soviet Iran was the spindle on which China's strategic calculations turned.

The spindle broke, and the Chinese became uncomfortably aware that the first non-communist leader their chairman had ever visited was an ex-communicated fugitive, for whose blood his vengeful successors were ready to outrage all established codes. Peking's reporting of the seizure of the American Embassy in Tehran has been non-committal, but on Monday (November 26) the foreign ministry appealed for a quick and peaceful solution to Iran's quarrel with the U.S., stressing that "accepted diplomatic immunities should be universally respected." When, on the following day, the hated

Vietnamese hailed Khomeini's call for a 'boly' war against America, the lines were drawn clear enough for one to read between them, Khomeini was Bad news. The Americans, to whose influence the Chinese so earnestly looked to stem the Soviet tide, had been declared anathema. Fuel supplies to Japan, which still imports more than 15 per cent of its oil from Iran, might also be threatened.

If, as some predicted, Khomeini proved another Krensky and the Iranian communists later seize power in Iran, Moscow might well reap the profits.

Then the Islamabod mob blamed the Americans and Israelis for the sacrilege in Mecca and burned down the U.S. embassy. Worse, President Zia-ul-Haq warned the U.N. secretary-general that, as "brotherly neighbor," Pakistan could not stand idly by if the Americans used force against Iran.

For the more nervous Chinese, there is an ominous if shaky parallel to be drawn between the two. In the past Pakistan has been a close friend, its main counterweight to a 'pro-Soviet' India in the region.

Although Sino-Soviet 'peace talks' in Moscow are still deadlocked over the agenda, the Muslim religious revival might just help to persuade the two atheist-giants that life would be simpler if they came to a better understanding, and leaked some of the frenzy out of their struggle over a booty-trapped Third World that has attained new heights of instability. — (OFNS)

IRAN'S OTHER PROBLEMS

Iran's internal problems are almost stealing the limelight from the Iranian-American crisis. The situation in Azerbaijan is now critical, with the capital of the province, Tabriz, almost in open rebellion. In Kurdistan, the Tehran regime faces the strongest challenge to its authority, with the Kurds ceaselessly arming themselves in pursuit of their autonomy demand. The Arab and Baluchi minorities show signs of unrest which could easily pass over into armed insurrection.

The mainly Turkmen populated province of Azerbaijan — the Turkumans in Iran numbering about 12 million — owe loyalty to that "other Ayatollah", Ayatollah Shariat Madari, who led the internal opposition to the Shah's regime while Ayatollah Khomeini provided leadership from exile. Khomeini's triumphant return to Tehran after the Shah's departure, and then his assumption of supreme authority, left Shariat Madari thoroughly in the background.

But Shariat Madari has enough following, especially among the large Turkmen minority, for him to become the center of Islamic opposition to the present regime — something, in fact, like an informal "shadow government" has grown around him, among whose number is Dr. Bazargan, himself an Azerbaijani, who was Khomeini's first prime minister.

The confrontation in Tabriz (and in Qom itself, where Ayatollah Shariat Madari resides) came at a most inopportune time as far as Ayatollah Khomeini is concerned. For beside the grave crisis around the occupied American embassy and the hostages held there, there is the Kurdish powder keg which might explode at any moment. It was for this reason that Ayatollah Khomeini rushed to Shariat Madari's residence in an effort to patch things up before the situation further deteriorated.

The Iranian leadership is clearly worried about the possible weakening of its position in the confrontation with the United States if the present round of internal dissensions were to continue. But the regime's supporters argue that, far from exposing the weakness of the regime, the very openness of the opposition, and the freedom of its leaders to meet the press, both local and foreign, prove the regime's resilience more than anything else.

The indications are that they do have a point. Ayatollah Khomeini certainly does not seem to be sufficiently worried about the opposition to resort to outright repression. That would be the real sign of weakness.

OPEN COVENANTS

The resolutions of the Tunis Arab summit will face their first test this week. The results will show whether they will proceed on their way to full implementation, or they will be "referred to the archives," there to gather dust peacefully with so many other joint plans and resolutions.

Much of the work of the summit remains shrouded in secrecy. Here Cheddi Kibbi, secretary general of the Arab League, had something interesting to say. The whole concept of secret resolutions was attacked by him as counterproductive. For the citizens of all Arab countries have every right to know what has been decided on their own behalf. While actual technical detail in matters military and economic should rightly be kept secret, public opinion should be informed at least in outline of all plans.

The most difficult problems the summiters dealt with was that of South Lebanon. Their resolutions on this will seek implementation through the committee appointed by them for this purpose, which had its first meeting in Beirut yesterday. The signs are not very encouraging. The Israelis are escalating their threats, and the Haddad militias in the South are increasing their activities. Things will not be helped by the reported possibility of Iranian volunteers arriving on the scene.

The other area dealt in Tunis was that of the Eastern Front, whose strengthening became more crucial to the Arab side with Egypt's defection from the ranks. Here the signs are better. Yasser Arafat's visit to Amman and his long meeting with King Hussein will go a long way towards restoring full cooperation between Jordan and the Palestinian Liberation Organization. This is essential now for the reactivation of the Eastern Front as well as for the morale of the people of the West Bank and Gaza in their struggle against Israeli oppression.

It is important now that the anti Camp David Arab side to deal with the various side-confrontations within its own ranks. It is certainly not enough that the secondary issues have not been permitted to overlay the main problem, which is that of a just and comprehensive settlement in the Middle East. Inter-Arab disagreements should be treated at the root, rather than be frozen as they are now. There is a vast difference between merely agreeing not to quarrel and actually and positively resolving all outstanding problems.

In spite of accord, the worries persist in Rhodesia

By Neal Ascherson

SALISBURY —

Can you just throw a switch from war to peace? This is the real question now in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia. Thousands have died in battle or by gruesome murder, and yet, when the Lancaster House conference ends, a British governor will arrive here and decree that the enemies will now work together.

More than that: he will decree that those who were killing each other yesterday will today join in the decorous competition of a democratic election campaign — and respect the victory of their enemies.

There is plenty of evidence for permission. In the first place, nobody won this war. Both sides, the Patriotic Front with their guerrillas and the white-led troops of Abel Muzorewa's coalition government, think they could have achieved victory if their friends had not withdrawn support for the war: the front-line African States in one case and South Africa on the other.

Secondly, there is the hatred set up by the savageries of both sides. Joshua Nkomo, leader of ZAPU, may be the more moderate of the two Pat-

riot Front statesmen, but especially after the shooting-down of two unarmed Viscount aircraft by his forces, there are whites who would like to kill him when he returns.

Robert Mugabe, head of the ZANU wing, is regarded by the whites as a Marxist fanatic who will reduce the country to a black Gulag Archipelago.

The black guerrillas, less concerned with personal vengeance against whites, must be tempted to bolder a day of reckoning with all those Africans who actively supported the Smith and Muzorewa regimes and their armed forces. The rivalry between ZAPU and ZANU, under the cloak of the Front, is another possibility for violence.

The final arguments about cease-fire terms in London demonstrate this mistrust. Stripped of the details, this is mostly about the problem of air power. The British want the Zimbabwe-Rhodesia Government forces to retire to their bases, and the guerrillas to gather in 15 assembly points or camps.

The trouble is that this ignores the difference between guerrillas and regulars. The Front's men, and there must now be nearly 20,000 of them in this country, are hidden in hundreds of scattered camps. If they crowd together into only 15 marked sites,

the jet aircraft of the government could bomb their bases and obliterate them in less than an hour. It is understandable that Cephas Mpsa, ZAPU's political caretaker in Salisbury, called this "treacherous... a disruptive mechanism to ensure that the new State of Zimbabwe explodes into chaos after the departure of the British governor."

Many people here listen to the bloodthirsty abuse exchanged by both sides in despair. They guess that when the governor withdraws — perhaps before — there will be an armed power grab to upset the elected government of independent Zimbabwe. It could be the South Africans, the Rhodesian whites, or one of the Patriotic Front's two wings.

Catastrophism is easy, a way of opting out. But there are also signs of hope. While Muzorewa, the Prime Minister, remains belligerent, Ian Smith, Minister without Portfolio now but still leader of the white Rhodesian front, is practising with increasing conviction the coo of the dove. And the Patriotic Front, although its two parties remain banned and cannot start officially campaigning, is also beginning to make reassuring noises.

A sort of courtship is in progress between Smith and Nkomo. This is strictly disloyal to Muzorewa, of

course. But Smith would always have preferred deal with Joshua Nkomo, choosing the Muzorewa as second-best, and he is now plainly disgusted with Muzorewa both for his weakness as a leader and for his 'betrayal' in allowing Lord Carrington at Lancaster House to remove the constitutional block rights of the 20 white MPs in the new Parliament.

Smith has now stated that the Rhodesia he would work with a Patriotic Front government, if were elected.

But Smith would never go so far as to praise PFF. What he is doing is to sing a cautious duet with the astute Cephas Mpsa on the theme of letting bygones be bygones, obviously trying to soothe the hatred which many whites feel for Nkomo.

One day Smith says: "I am one of those people who have advocated looking to the future... forgetting the past, and trying to avoid recrimination. The next day, at a press conference in the garden of his house in an African suburb, Mpsa strengthens the melody a little: "No one has clean hands in this war, which has brutalized us all. Whites should realize that Nkomo is a peaceful man, forced to fight in any war, there is killing of innocent people." — (OFNS)

saudi press review

Weekend newspapers led with

the reopening of the Holy Haram on Thursday when King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd arrived in Mecca to perform the sunset prayer in the Holy Haram and to thank God for enabling the authorities to restore the sacred Mosque to its previous tranquility.

In a front-page story, *Al-Jazirah* reported the formation of an American special strike force from the navy, adding that the U.S. administration was considering granting permanent asylum to the former Shah of Iran. The Arab League Secretary General's call to France to play a vital role in the settlement of Arab issues and a reported siege around PLO centers in Libya also provided material for front-page stories in the

newspapers.

Al-Jazirah praised the manner in which the whole trouble at the Holy Haram was successfully handled and said "it was a wise decision to keep many of the renegades alive so that the real dimensions of this rare phenomenon could be understood. In the light of what could be gathered from the criminals, Muslims all over the world should now remain alert to such frenzied actions of the crazy people," the paper said, adding that "the unity of Muslim thought and action ought to be realized now that the light of Islam has become more radiant and the word of its followers more powerful and influential."

Al-Yom also was highly appreciative of the state strategy in the recent incident in Mecca

and said that "the authorities acted with great patience and deliberateness in gaining an overall control on the situation, saving the lives of held up worshippers and safeguarding the Grand Mosque from further damage."

The paper urged that the entire plot of this trouble ought to be thoroughly studied, and warned the world Muslim community against this novel kind of self-destruction and the creation of dissension among the Arab and Islamic circles. It described the renegades as "eccentric in thinking and behavior," since their aim was only to weaken the souls (of Muslims) with a false faith.

Al-Nadwa expressed joy and satisfaction over the clearance of the Grand Mosque from the

deviationist clique and said it was proud of those who helped in the clearance of the Mosque from the sacrilege caused by the fanatics.

The paper also highlighted the expression of thanks by the King and his Crown Prince to all the Arab and Muslim leaders, the people and the army officers who contributed their efforts in purging the Grand Mosque from the renegades.

Al-Bilad gave prominence to the wave of rejoicings throughout the Muslim world after the restoration of the Holy Haram to its previous peaceful position. The paper denounced the attackers and said they had committed the ugliest crime ever perpetrated on earth, and therefore entitled themselves to universal condemnation.

The paper called upon Muslims "to be careful and alert from those who lie in lurk to attack Islam and to create dissension among the Muslims with a view to detracting them from their major issues."

Emphasizing Islamic solidarity, *Al-Riyadh* said "the Haram incident has given a new vigor to the Muslim unity and solidarity and brought the people still nearer to their leadership." The paper highlighted the Islamic world's support for the prudent steps the Saudi government had taken to put an end to the trouble and to save the lives of innocent worshippers inside the Grand Mosque. It said "it was difficult to express the extent of joy that has overtaken the entire Islamic world after hearing that the holiest place of Islam has been cleared from the

renegades and its doors have been thrown open to the millions of devout Muslims once again."

Al-Yamamah magazine said its latest issue that "the most recent crime ever committed in the history of Islam against the most sacred place in the world was brought to an end only by the Grace of God with which the Saudi government has been blessed." It added that this sedition has given a strong proof of the b terness and malice of the enemies of Islam.

The magazine mentioned anti-Islamic and anti-Saudi campaigns and urged the Muslims be cautious and cool in all their cultural and social approaches, warned them against the activities of the ignorants and enemies of Islam.

What's to be done with the Chogyal ?

By TYLER MARSHAL

GANGTOK, — It has been nearly five years since India annexed the tiny, strategically located Himalayan kingdom of Sikkim, but the border post at the frontier town of Rangpo is still in operation.

"You're leaving India now," the security guard stationed there tells travellers. "Go over that bridge and you're in Sikkim."

Although Sikkim is now an integral part of India, the smallest and newest state, it survives in the minds of many, including most of Sikkim's 230,000 people, as a separate entity.

It is not difficult to see why. The Sikkimese — the Mongoloid-featured Lepcha and Bhutia tribesmen who settled the kingdom hundreds of years ago as well as the dominant Nepalese, have little in common with the Indians, nor is the geography of the Delaware-sized state in any way like the flat plains that cover so much of India.

Sikkim's picturesque capital, Gangtok (pop. 20,000), clings to a mountainside high above a narrow valley. On a clear day, the world's third highest mountain, Kanchenjunga, is visible from Gangtok. It

rises to a height of 28,208 feet not far south of the Chinese border.

The frontier with China, once the overriding topic of concern here, is quiet now. Although there are still heavy troop movements in the area, young Indian officers talk of exchanging spoken greetings rather than gunfire with their English-speaking counterparts across the frontier in China.

For the moment at least, Indian government officials here are preoccupied with a less dramatic, but difficult problem: what to do with Sikkim's former ruler, Chogyal (king) Palden Thondup Namgyal. The 54-year-old Chogyal still lives in his former palace atop the city's highest peak, with his 26-year-old son, Crown Prince Wangchuk.

Recently in the United States visiting his estranged American wife, Hope Cooke, the Chogyal must inform the Indian government of any move he makes outside the capital. He is also prevented from conducting ceremonial functions outside the palace grounds, and government officials are not allowed to visit the palace.

The government has also begun tightening the Chogyal's personal budget. "Our personal resources are now being controlled by the

government," Prince Wangchuk said.

It is believed that the Chogyal will be permitted to stay in Gangtok as long as he maintains his low profile.

"I get the feeling they'd like us to stay, but as good Indian citizens," the prince said.

While many Sikkimese disliked the Chogyal's authoritarian rule in the days before he lost his title, his power and his wife, an even stronger resentment lingers about the questionable handling of a 1974 referendum. The vote indicated an overwhelming desire to merge with India, but many Sikkimese still hold that it was rigged.

An undistinguished performance by Sikkim's first state government under Indian rule, coupled with the growing fear of cultural domination spurred by the sharp influx of "plainsmen," Indians largely from the nearby states of Bengal and Bihar, have helped rekindle the Chogyal's popularity and with it a sense of Sikkimese nationalism.

The depth of this sentiment revealed recently in the first statewide election since annexation, stunned central government officials in New Delhi and sur-

prised even the ardent of Sikkimese nationalists.

Local parties appealing to a sense of Sikkimese national identity routed the ruling Janata Party, which has strong national links. The Janata campaign symbol, a farmer dressed in a plainsman's dhoti — was cited as a major factor in the defeat.

At the local meeting hall here, where teams of election officials counted the votes, Sikkimese onlookers smiled and murmured approvingly as ballots after ballots went to the local parties.

"Now we're getting the real referendum," one Sikkimese said.

To many, the vote symbolized a restoration of dignity as well as an expression of the desire for cultural independence.

"Once again we have self-respect," is how one Sikkimese put it.

Despite the surprise victory, few Sikkimese have any illusions of independence or restoring the Chogyal to power. Either step would be against the Indian Constitution.

"If we moved a millimeter in that direction, they (the central government) would crush us," said Lal Bahadur Basnet, of the victorious Janata Party.

To Basnet and many other Sikkimese, the issue now is how to prevent the state from being overwhelmed by plainsmen.

"The plainsmen are the new enemy," said Ram Chandra Poudyal, leader of a party identified with the large Nepalese community.

Indians have dominated Sikkim's small but affluent merchant and trading class for generations. But aside from this group, which numbers around 10,000, Sikkim's cultural links have traditionally been with the north. Its major trade and religious pilgrimage routes led to Lhasa, the Tibetan capital, not south to India.

But in 1950, China moved against Tibet, suppressing its independence and sealing its 150-mile border with Sikkim.

"Tibetan refugees told of harrowing experiences at the hands of the Chinese, and it had a major impact here," a government official recalled.

Alarmed by the swift Chinese

move against Tibet, Sikkim's Chogyal of the time turned to India for help and signed a treaty making Sikkim an Indian protectorate that same year.

Because of Sikkim's strategic location, the Indian government allows foreigners into the state only by special permit, but since statehood, all restrictions on the movement of Indians in or out of Sikkim have been removed. Predictably, the number of Indians in Sikkim has risen sharply, although no one knows for certain by just how much. One government official estimated that plainsmen now make up 40 per cent of Gangtok's electorate.

Many have come in as part of the fast-swelling bureaucracy that statehood has brought, while others are here in connection with a development program, financed by the center government, that has quadrupled since annexation.

Although development has opened up jobs and opportunities, Sikkimese leaders complain that they have benefited only marginally and that much of the development money is siphoned off by corruption.

"The plainsmen are better educated and have more skills," one Sikkimese leader said. "We can't compete. We've lost control over what is happening."

Bureaucrats coming from outside Sikkim are also accused of having "a superior, neocolonial" attitude toward the Sikkimese.

"India has better people than that in their civil service, but we're getting young, raw faces without much sensitivity," said a Sikkimese who is himself a civil servant.

Basnet hopes his new government can enact measures that will slow the influx and protect Sikkim's cultural identity.

"We can't order plainsmen out once they're here, but when they go we can try to replace them with our own people," he said. "We must control it somehow."

Basnet talks of restricting business licenses and the purchase of land to the Sikkimese, but it is doubtful that even these limited measures will be approved.

"We've explained to people we have (constitutional) limitations, but we must function within them," he said.

One bright spot is that India has tried historically to protect threatened minority groups. Indeed, Sikkim's minority Lepcha and Bhutia communities even though they make up less than 30

per cent of the population, are guaranteed 12 of the Assembly's 32 seats under an Indian law that insures representation of tribal minorities.

"The problem is growing and

India can't ignore it," Crow Prince Wangchuk said. "It has annexed Sikkim, its people, culture and way of life. Now the must guarantee to protect it." — (LAT)

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South Africa letter on Namibia interpreted differently at U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 7 (P) — The U.N. General Assembly has begun debate on South Africa's latest letter to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim on the subject of Namibia, said in a letter received here Wednesday would be a conditional acceptance of a demilitarized zone on Namibia's northern border. But Peter Mueshihange, secretary of foreign affairs of the South African People's Organization, noted that Botha said South Africa "accepts the concept of the zone provided agreement is reached in further discussions" on a series of issues that he listed.

"To us this is totally unacceptable," the SWAPO official told the assembly. "The said letter, in our view, must be treated with the contempt that it deserves and rejected."

Mueshihange, whose organization has been fighting to oust South Africa from Namibia, told the assembly. "This must be a serious and politically charged debate towards a positive and decisive action in support of the armed struggle inside Namibia."

Lusaka said some of the conditions Botha set out in the letter echoed positions already taken

that had stalled the program the U.N. Security Council endorsed last September for U.N. supervision of an electoral process in Namibia leading to the country's independence from South Africa. Waldheim was trying to get the program moving again when Oct. 1 he sent South Africa and neighboring "front-line" African states the proposal for a 60-kilometer demilitarized zone straddling Namibia's northern border with Angola and Zambia.

In his speech, Lusaka remarked that the front-line states had themselves accepted the concept of a demilitarized zone. And he expressed hope that no more time would be lost in getting down to talks on South Africa's conditions and other details.



Raymond Barre

Barre escapes 2nd attempt to topple coalition

PARIS, Dec. 7 (R) — French Prime Minister Raymond Barre Friday tried to steamroller his way through parliamentary opposition for the second time in two weeks by placing his government's existence at stake.

Barre effectively forced the Gaullists, who from the largest element in his unweildy coalition, to vote for a government bill by rejecting censure motions put forward by the opposition Communists and Socialists.

Shortly before voting was due to begin early Friday morning Gaullist Jean Falala said his party would support the censure motions because it saw no alternative to the present coalition.

Under the French constitution this means Barre's social services bill, which the Gaullists had opposed, will be considered passed because the National Assembly rejected a censure movement on it.

Barre himself opted for the seemingly drastic move of facing censure motions rather than abandon his bill. Nov. 20 he faced three censure motions on the 1980 budget, with the result that the budget was adopted despite Gaullist objections to some parts.

Somoza backers, Guards to be tried in Nicaragua

MANAGUA, Dec. 7 (AP) — Some 7,000 prisoners will go on trial in the next few days for crimes allegedly committed "against the people of Nicaragua" during the dictatorship of toppled President Anastasio Somoza Debayle.

Nora Astorga, special prosecutor for the government Junta, said Thursday the prisoners will be tried by recently created tribunals. She said the prisoners are former members of Somoza's National Guard, or his sympathizers.

Somoza sympathizers who are living abroad or have received asylum in foreign embassies here will be tried in absentia, said Sergio Ramirez, a member of the junta.

Somoza and his son Anastasio Somoza Portocarrero also will be judged and their extradition will be requested from whatever countries they are staying in.

Somoza Debayle moved to Paraguay after a brief stay in Guatemala after his overthrow July 19.

The former dictator will be accused of genocide and of plundering the country of millions of dollars, officials said. Junta sources said Somoza and his government officials took several hundred million dollars out of the country just before he fled Nicaragua.

Somoza's son will be charged with authoring the assassination of opposition journalist Pedro Joaquín Chamorro Cardenal.

Chamorro was murdered in a Managua street Jan. 10, 1978. His death has often been marked as a turning point for the revolution.

Astorga said a law setting up the courts naming special state prosecutors will be enacted in the next few days. She said the tribunals will open immediately after the law is published.

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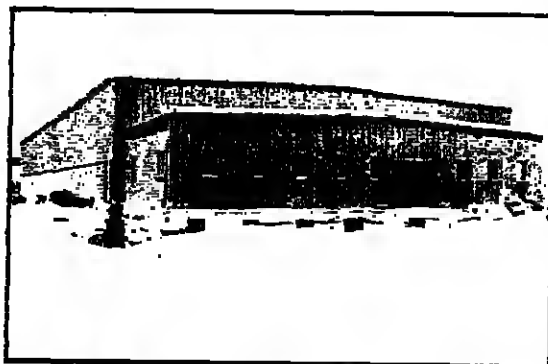
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But opposition starts

Large majority elects Choi as head of state

JL, Dec. 7 (R) — Prime Choi Kyu-hah has been president of South Korea with a overwhelming majority in the assembly, but the main on party has demanded he transfer power to a rival-elected president.

New Democratic Party Thursday also called for a lifting of martial law, on virtually all of South after the assassination of Park Chung-hee six go, as well as the immediate of all political prisoners.

resolution adopted at a caucus, the NDP charged Thursday's election by the electoral college into Park's 1972 Yushin or "freezing" constitution.

counter to the demands for abolition of the

Yushin system." The NDP warned that it would put up a determined fight should the caretaker administration under Choi attempted to prolong its hold on power.

As the only candidate, Choi won 2,465 of the 2,549 votes cast. Eighty-four votes were declared invalid.

The new president said in a statement after his election that he would promote freedom and seek a peaceful unification of North and South Korea.

Choi had previously pledged to amend the constitution, approved under Park's rule, which gives sweeping powers to the president.

Choi, 60, a former career diplomat, was the last prime minister under Park and became acting president after Park was shot dead by the director of the South Korean Central Intelligence Agency (KCIA) at a private dinner.



President Choi

The new president is considered a political moderate and has had wide experience in international affairs and domestic administration.

He was named foreign minister in 1967 after serving as ambassador to Malaysia and became special foreign affairs advisor to Park in 1971.

In 1975, Park named Choi to replace Prime Minister Kim Jong-pil.

The tall, bespectacled Choi said immediately after he became acting president that South Korea needed gradual changes to match its economic progress with political development.

China accused of violation

Thais gird for Vietnamese drive

BANGKOK, Dec. 7 (Agencies) — The Thai supreme command has said that more reinforcements have been sent to the Thai-Cambodian border to ward off any attack by Vietnamese troops who are reported escalating their operations inside Cambodia.

A supreme command spokesman said Thursday the Vietnamese had this week struck north of Highway Five against forces of ousted Premier Pol Pot as well as anti-Communist "Free Khmer" troops.

More than half a million Cambodian refugees are clustered at the border area and the Thais and international relief officials fear that a major Vietnamese drive would send them stampeding into Thailand.

The spokesman said about 6,000 Cambodians who had fled the fighting are already inside Thailand at Kok Duang and would eventually move to a vast holding area at Khao I Bang, operated by the Thais and the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

The spokesman declined to give the number of reinforcements sent to the border and did not speculate on whether the Vietnamese would attack into Thailand. But he said the Thai military "did not want to take a chance."

The English-language newspaper Bangkok Post Thursday

quoted Thai intelligence sources as saying Soviet-built jet fighters, helicopters, anti-aircraft guns and other heavy weaponry have been moved closer to the Thai frontier to back a major Vietnamese offensive.

The sources predicted that a "powerful offensive" would get under way between Dec. 15 and 25.

The story said Soviet transport aircraft had overflown Thai airspace about 80 times every month since September to supply the Vietnamese with equipment. The overflights took place despite a Thai insistence the Soviets apply for each unscheduled overflight.

Meanwhile, Vietnam Thursday

accused Chinese troops of continuing provocation and setting fire to forest areas along its border, claiming many civilians were killed or wounded.

The foreign ministry, in a note to China quoted by the Vietnam news agency, denounced what Hanoi described as the "very grave incidents caused by China along Vietnam's border recently."

Radio Hanoi, monitored earlier here, said Vietnam had sent a message to the United Nations Thursday charging that Peking was frantically preparing for war and that a "renewed war of aggression may occur at any moment."

Moscow gives warning

China to get Japanese aid

PEKING, Dec. 7 (R) — Japanese Premier Masayoshi Ohira has offered China economic aid, but in the background the Soviet Union has accused Peking of trying to gain access to advanced military technology.

Ohira stressed Thursday that the aid should not be in the military field.

A Japanese government spokesman said Ohira offered to fund seven Chinese projects, including railways, harbor development and a hospital in a

second round of discussions with Communist Party Chairman and Premier Hua Guofeng.

In Moscow, the Communist Party newspaper Pravda warned Japan against supporting China's foreign policy aims.

In a dispatch from its Tokyo correspondent, Pravda said China was openly trying to use its year-old treaty of friendship and cooperation with Japan as a screen for gaining access to military technology.

Other disasters, violence kill 15

Train crash claims 18 lives

CELONA, Dec. 7 (Agencies) — A driverless train hurtled down a steep gradient Thursday and into a passenger train at a station, killing 18 people and 50 railway officials said.

The passenger train rolled into a station and accelerated to 15 kilometers per hour.

It was estimated at about 110 meters per second before crashing into a train carrying around 150 passengers.

The accident occurred in morning outside Las Faneques del Sur, 15 kilometers north of

windows on the top floor of the two-story building before the fire was brought under control in one hour, police reported.

It said that the eight were suffocated by fumes from burning rubber and chemicals.

Property losses were reportedly estimated at \$100,000.

Police had yet to determine the cause of the fire, which they said started in the first floor where workers were processing raw rubber with chemicals.

Meanwhile, two policemen and a gangster were killed early Friday in a gunbattle near the Latin quarter of Paris, police said. A third policeman was wounded.

The shooting began when a police car caught up with a vehicle it was following on suspicion that its occupants were breaking into

parked cars.

The second person in the gangsters' car managed to escape on foot.

The shooting came just days after gangsters in a Paris suburb killed two security guards during an attempt to rob an armored van carrying funds to banks.

And in Soledad, California, two Soledad Prison inmates were killed and 18 injured Thursday in a race riot that was quelled by guards who waded in among the batlers firing birdshot, officials said.

"The fighting was among inmates," a spokesman for the State Department of corrections said. "It was a serious riot, but it's under control now."

He said two men were killed and one was in serious condition.

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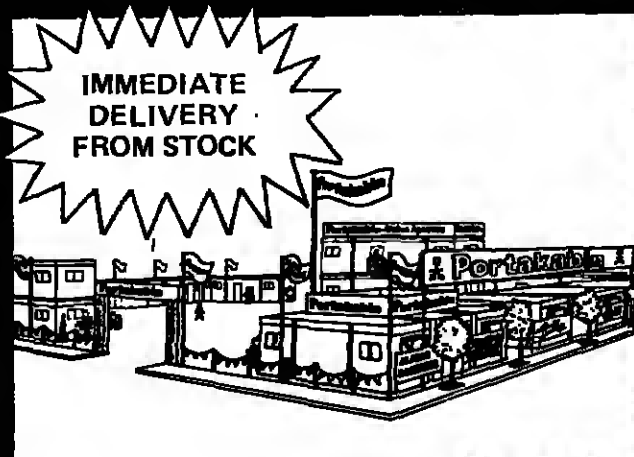
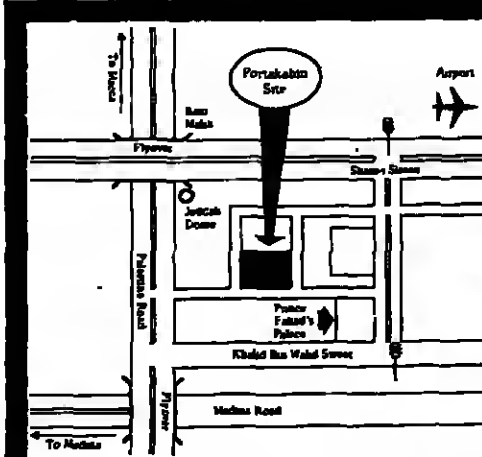
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Dollar sinks in Tokyo, improves in Europe

LONDON, Dec. 7 (AP) — The dollar plunged more than four yen in Tokyo Friday, but improved in nervous trading on European currency exchanges. The price of gold was lower.

The U.S. currency ended a week of losing ground against the Japanese yen to close a heavy session at 241.65 yen, down from Thursday's close of 246.275 yen. But in Europe, where because of the time difference the markets open about the time Tokyo's close, the dollar was on the upswing.

Morning dollar rates in key European financial centers, compared with Thursday's late rates:

Frankfurt — 1.7535 West German marks, up from 1.7385.

Zurich — 1.6235 Swiss francs, up from 1.60145.

Paris — 4.1137 French francs, up from 4.0890.

Milan — 818.125 Italian lire, up from 814.15.

Amsterdam — 1.9405 Dutch Guilders, up from 1.9275.

In London, it took \$ 2.1770 to buy a British pound Friday morning compared to \$ 2.1935 late Thursday.

On the London bullion market, gold was trading at \$ 430.25 a troy ounce, down from Thursday's record closing high in London of \$ 434.25.

In Zurich, the metal was quoted at \$ 429.50 down from Thursday's close of \$ 436. That was only \$ 2 below the record European close of \$ 438 on Oct. 2.

The all-time high for the metal, an investor's traditional haven in times of monetary uncertainty, is \$ 444, reached in Zurich trading Oct. 2 amid an international crisis of confidence over the dollar.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 P.M. Wednesday

| | SAMA | Cash | Transfer |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|----------|
| U.S. Dollar | 3.37 | 3.375 | 3.375 |
| Pound Sterling | 7.37 | 7.45 | 7.43 |
| Deutsche Mark (100) | 194.00 | 197.00 | 197.25 |
| Swiss F (100) | 211.00 | 213.00 | 212.00 |
| French F (100) | 82.00 | 84.00 | 83.60 |
| Italian Lira (10,000) | 41.00 | 42.10 | 42.10 |
| Lebanese Lira (1000) | | 99.00 | 98.25 |
| Syrian Lira (1000) | | 86.98 | 78.50 |
| Egyptian Pound | | 4.50 | 4.50 |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | | 12.19 | 12.19 |
| Jordanian Dinar | | 11.40 | 11.40 |
| Emirates Dirham (100) | | 89.65 | 89.65 |
| Qatari Riyal (100) | | 91.25 | 91.25 |
| Bahraini Dinar | | 8.95 | 8.95 |
| Iranian Riyal (100) | | 26.00 | 26.00 |
| Iraqi Dinar (100) | | 9.25 | — |
| Yemeni Riyal (100) | | 74.10 | 74.10 |
| Moroccan Dirham (100) | | 80.00 | 89.90 |
| Indian Rupee (100) | | — | 42.00 |
| Pakistani Rupee (100) | | — | 34.20 |
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| Japanese Yen (1,000) | 13.90 | — | 14.16 |
| Canadian Dollar | 2.89 | — | — |
| Belgian Franc (1,000) | 119.00 | 113.00 | — |
| Dutch Guilder (1,000) | 175.00 | 174.00 | 175.75 |
| Spanish Peso | | 50.50 | 51.50 |
| Greek Drachma (1,000) | | 80.00 | — |
| Philippines Peso (1,00) | | — | 46.50 |
| Singapore | | — | 1.57 |

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Some OPEC states said planning to cut output

TEHRAN, Dec. 7 (R) — Iranian Oil Minister Ali Akbar Moinefar has said here that some OPEC states are coordinating plans to cut back their oil production next year.

Amid fears of a possible shortfall of more than 3.5 million barrels a day in world oil supplies next year, Moinefar said he had been invited to three OPEC states to discuss a coordinated cutback before OPEC's price-fixing meeting in Caracas later this month.

He was speaking in an interview Wednesday night with a Dutch journalist. A tape of the interview was made available to Reuters.

The Iranian minister said his country was planning to reduce its oil output by about 500,000 barrels to an average three million barrels a day in the new year.

He said Kuwait, Algeria and Libya, had voiced their intention to reduce output and had invited him for cutback coordination talks before the Caracas conference.

Venezuela had also told a preparatory meeting of OPEC ministers in Saudi Arabia on Monday that it was also planning a reduction, of about six per cent, he said.

"In the next week we have to coordinate about the level of production, about cutting production," he added.

Moinefar's statement was the first from an OPEC state to indicate a concerted move to reduce exports.

The 13 OPEC states increased their production by about five per cent earlier this year to an average 31 million barrels a day after an upsurge of demand following the Iranian revolution.

The four states mentioned by Moinefar have already declared their intention of cutting back exports in the new year.

The cutback plans followed forecasts by OPEC economists that member states might face strong pressure on prices if they maintained production at levels in force last summer. Such levels would lead to a surplus in the market of about 500,000 barrels a day, they added.

Moinefar's statement is also the first official indication that Iran plans to reduce average production to three million barrels a day, compared with the current level of about 3.5 million barrels and four million barrels in the summer.

China, Japan sign accord for oil, gas exploration

PEKING, Dec. 7 (R) — China and Japan have signed an agreement on the joint exploration and exploitation of petroleum and natural gas in the Bohai Sea off eastern China, the New China News Agency (NCNA) reported.

It said that under the agreement signed Thursday, exploration and exploitation of oil and gas resources would be carried out in the southern and western areas of the sea.

Japanese sources said Japan would pay the exploration costs estimated at \$ 210 million. China and Japan would each pay half the development costs, estimated at \$ 1 billion.

Negotiations on the joint venture began in June last year between the China National Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Corporation, a subsidiary of the Petroleum Company of China, and the Japan National Oil Corporation (JNOC).



Ali Akbar Moinefar

Iran protests to IMF over asset freeze

TEHRAN, Dec. 7 (AP) — Central Bank Governor Alireza Nobari has formally protested to the International Monetary Fund against the freezing of Iranian assets in U.S. banks.

In a letter to IMF Director J. de Larosiere Thursday, Nobari described the move as "illegal and totally irresponsible."

He urged Larosiere to put the issue before the IMF Executive Board.

Nobari said U.S. President Jimmy Carter breached IMF articles stipulating the aim of the international monetary system was to facilitate the exchange of goods, services and capital among nations.

"It is not necessary to go into further details and mention other legal niceties involved as it is quite clear that under no circumstances should such behavior be condoned," said Nobari.

The freezing of Iranian assets in the United States followed the seizure of the U.S. embassy in Tehran, where 50 Americans are still held hostage. The immediate provocation for the freeze, however, was an Iranian threat to withdraw all of its several billion dollars of deposits in the United States.

U.S. urged to maintain '79 gas level

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (Agencies) — U.S. Energy Secretary Charles Duncan says the United States must use no more gasoline in 1980 than it did in 1979, and proposes voluntary gas-saving limits for the individual states for the first quarter of next year.

Although there is a hold-the-line limit for all of 1980, the states will find their initial ceilings amount to an average seven per cent cutback from the high consumption of the first three months of 1979.

The state quotas will be adjusted quarterly to achieve the full-year target of about 7 million barrels of gasoline daily.

"These targets are voluntary now," Duncan Thursday told a news conference, "but they could become mandatory under the new emergency energy conservation act if the president determines that a severe supply shortage exists or is imminent."

The administration was to publish Friday President Jimmy Carter's standby plan for rationing gasoline and would submit it for congressional approval in February.

Duncan also said the administration was considering asking Congress to impose a 50 cent a gallon excise tax on gasoline, a plan bound to spark controversy.

Congress has rejected all recent attempts to increase federal taxes on gasoline. A 50 cent tax would raise about \$ 50 billion a year, but would also spur inflation.

Duncan declined to disclose the government's target for oil imports next year, saying he would wait until after next week's meeting of the 20-nation International Energy Agency (IEA), in Paris.

U.S. food prices up by 2.6 per cent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP) — Led by sharply higher prices for poultry and beef, U.S. wholesale food prices increased by 2.6 per cent in November, the worst monthly increase in five years and a clear warning that American consumers face higher grocery bills in weeks ahead. Overall wholesale prices increased 1.3 per cent during the month and were up at an annual rate of 12.8 per cent for the year, the Labor Department said Thursday.

IMF to give \$1b loans to Egypt

CAIRO, Dec. 7 (R) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is expected to grant loans to Egypt totaling more than one billion dollars for the next three years, the semi-official daily Al-Ahram said Friday. Al-Ahram said the loans, \$ 350 million a year for 1980-1982, would be used to offset Egypt's trade deficit estimated this year at 1.7 billion.

Brazil suspends foreign exchange

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 7 (AP) — Brazil's Central Bank ordered all foreign exchange operations suspended at the close of the banking day Thursday "until further notice." No explanation was given for the surprise move. The announcement came in a brief communique issued by the bank: "We hereby communicate to all those concerned that the board of directors of the Central Bank has decided to suspend all foreign exchange operations, of whatever nature, at the close of the banking day today, until further notice."

Hotel rates up by 200% in USSR

MOSCOW, Dec. 7 (R) — The Soviet authorities have decreed major increases in hotel rates for foreigners ranging from 50 to as much as 200 per cent, Western business and diplomatic sources said Friday.

According to the sources, many of the new rates would come into force in Moscow and other major cities this month and others would be introduced in January. Earlier this year charges for meals in Soviet hotel restaurants were doubled.

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In gymnastics championships

Comaneci hurt but team takes gold

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 7 (R) — Romania took the women's team gold medal at the World Gymnastics Championships here late Thursday night, despite the absence of Nadia Comaneci from three of the four optional exercises.

The Soviet Union won the silver medal and the East German team the bronze.

Comaneci performed only in the balance beam discipline, but received a near-perfect mark of 9.95 only six hours after being released from hospital, where she is being treated for an infection. She checked back into hospital soon after the medals ceremony.

Comaneci wore a five-inch-long gauze bandage around her wrist when she performed.

The crowd wildly cheered and applauded when she made her appearance on the floor. Her ailment was described by hospital and officials as a minor "spontaneous infection" with swelling, pain and fever.

At a press conference immediately after the medals ceremony, Comaneci was asked whether she was in pain during her routine, she replied, "of course."

She also said "I tried to give my best and with the rest of the team we were successful (SIC)."

When asked whether she would be able to continue competing, her coach said: "that depends on what the American doctors say."

The Soviet coach said at the press conference:

"Today the Romanian team is in first place, and we congratulate them."

The Romanians scored 389.55 points and the Soviet competitors

388.925. The East German score was 388.075.

The Chinese, competing for the first time in 18 years in world gymnastics tournament, finished a strong fourth with 384.600 points.

They are now guaranteed entry into the 1980 Moscow Olympics, their first appearance at the Games since 1948 and their first ever challenge in an Olympic gymnastics championship.

Wednesday night the Soviet

Union beat Japan for the first time in 21 years of men's gymnastics by winning the team gold medal with a spectacular display of strength, skill and grace.

The Soviet men shed tears and hugged each other when they took the honor, with a points total of 587.511 out of a perfect 600. They had lost to the Japanese by only fractions of a point at the 1976 Montreal Olympics and last year's World Championships in Strasbourg.

But they finally had their revenge when their rivals came almost four points behind them with 583.70.

Soviet coach Leonid Arkiev said at a press conference: "This did not come as a great surprise to us. But we did not think about victory before the competition. It would have dissipated our strength."

The United States men were third with 581.15.

Must win to stay ahead

United faces vital Leeds match

LONDON, Dec. 7 (R) — Manchester United, resting in Spain after its weekend victory at Tottenham, flies home for the visit of Leeds on Saturday, knowing that it must win again to remain at the head of the England's soccer championship standings.

Liverpool, one point behind and with one match in hand, visits Aston Villa and its 3-1 league cup victory at Norwich Wednesday night reminded any sceptics that Kenny Dalglish and company have struck the form needed to retain their title of champion.

Manchester United, unbeaten since October 10, may recall Gordon McQueen to the heart of its defense. The lanky Scot, who cost 50,000 two years ago, failed to regain his place after injury last month.

Kevin Moran, a recruit from Gaelic football, has given nothing away as his deputy but the temptation to bring back McQueen against his old club must be powerful.

Liverpool, having shrugged off a pedestrian start, now finds itself the only club sure of a place in the League Cup semifinals. The three other quarter-finals all ended in draws and must be replayed next week.

Strikers Dalglish and David Johnson both took their season's goal tally to 13 against Norwich and the Aston Villa defense,

which has conceded only 15 goals in 17 League matches, will need to be in top form to curb breaks down either wing.

Nottingham Forest, the holder, will confront Liverpool for a place in the League Cup final, if it wins its replay against Second Division West Ham. But in the League, Forest has slipped, taking only one point in its last four matches.

Downs American

Boxer Kalule keeps title

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 7 (R) — Ayub Kalule, the Copenhagen-based Ugandan, overwhelmed American Steve Gregory to retain his World Boxing Association light-middleweight title here Thursday night.

At the end of 15 one-sided rounds, referee Tony Perez scored it 149-135 to Kalule while judges Ole Olesen and Stan Christodolou also gave it to the defending champion 150-134 and 150-137 respectively.

Gregory, from Columbus, Ohio, entered the ring boasting an unbeaten record in 22 fights but without ever having met a world-class fighter and his main achievement was still being around when the final bell sounded.

Had Kalule possessed a more destructive punch he must surely have won inside the distance. He scored at will throughout the contest and hardly looked as though he had been in a fight at the end.

A shock finish looked in prospect when Kalule felled Gregory for the first time in his career with a left-right combination after 90 seconds.

To his credit, though, Gregory survived the crisis and managed some isolated successes in the first few rounds.

Also in Copenhagen, Ireland's Charlie Nash retained his Euro-

pean lightweight title, unanimously outpointing former world champion Ken Buchanan of Scotland over 12 rounds.

Nash, 28, made his superior stamina tell over the 34-year-old Buchanan who was having only his third bout since making a comeback five months ago after a four-year retirement.

The Irishman twice had Buchanan on the canvas from right hand punches in the second and sixth rounds but it was in the middle rounds that he sealed victory as the challenger's effort faded.

Hunt kicks off squash meeting

SINGAPORE, Dec. 7 (R) — Geoff Hunt, Australia's world number one, opened the third and final leg of the World Squash Series here with a 9-6, 9-2, 9-3 win over unseeded Abbas Kuoud of Egypt. The first two legs were played in Hamburg and Amsterdam.

The tournament opened with a one-minute silence in memory of Torsam Khan, who collapsed and died while playing in Australia last week. In another first round game, Rahim Gul of Pakistan, a close friend of Torsam who stepped in at the last minute to fill his place, lost to seventh seed Bruce Brownlee of New Zealand 9-3, 9-1, 9-1.

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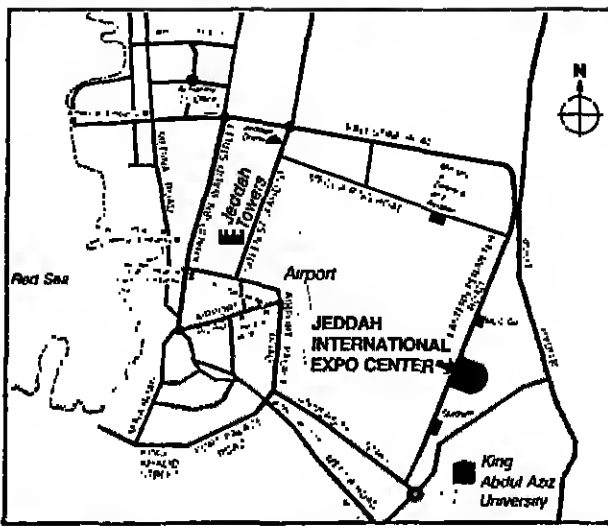
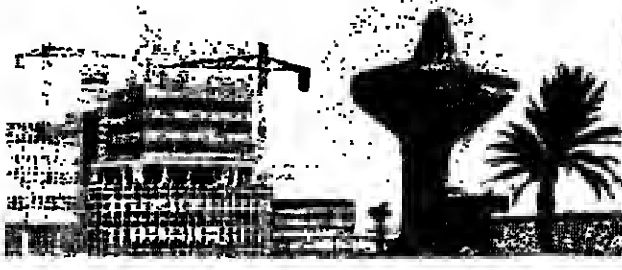
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Colbert, Bertolaccini lead
mixed teams' golf tourney

LARGO, Florida, Dec. 7 (AP) — Jim Colbert and Silvia Bertolaccini combined for a four-under-par 68 and took a one-stroke lead Thursday after a windy first round of the Mixed Teams Golf Tournament.

"We played some kind of golf today. We made seven birdies and three bogeys," Colbert said after he duo weathered winds of 25-30 miles per hour over the tough 7,015-yard course at the Bardmoor Country Club.

Defending champions Lon Hinkle and Pat Bradley were far back with a two-over-par 74. Fifty euros are competing.

One stroke behind the leaders

at 69 were the teams of Gil Morgan and Marlene Hagee, Gardner Dickinson and Sandra Spuzich, and Lanny Wadkins and Marlene Floyd. Next were Peter Jacobsen and Laura Baugh.

Jerry Pate and Hollis Stacy, and Lee Trevino and Joanne Curner posted par 72s. At 73 were Nancy Lopez and Curtis Strange.

In Caracas, rain delayed Thursday the scheduled start of the first Venezuelan Open golf championship, fourth of five tournaments on the South American Grand Prix tour.

The professionals will play 54 holes over three days rather than the normal Grand Prix 72 holes.

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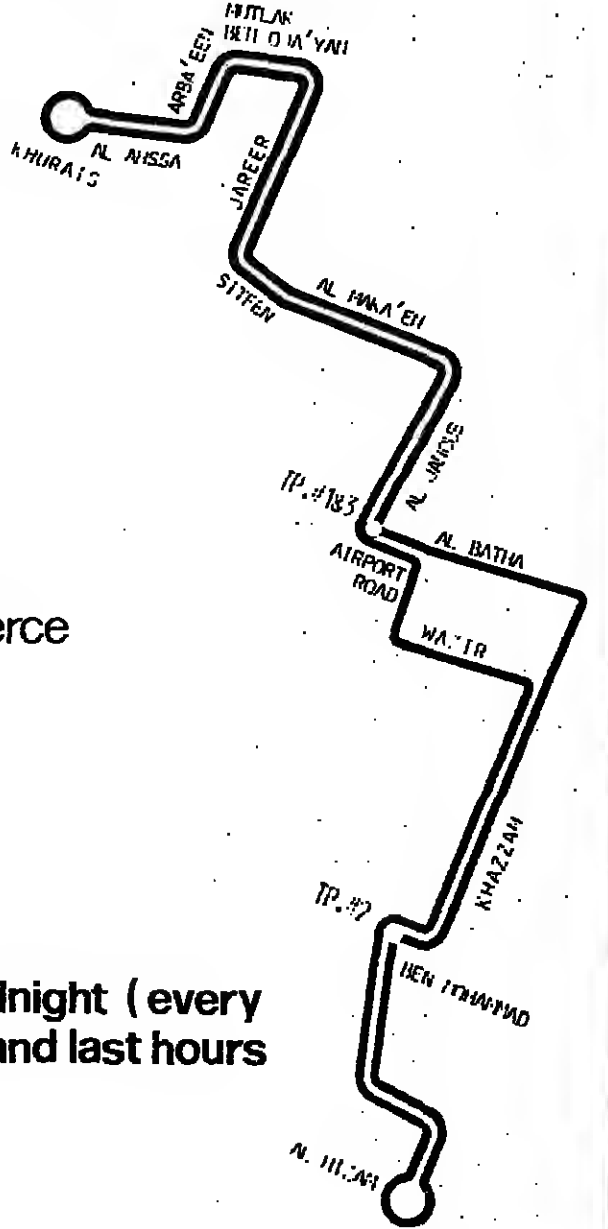
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Microwave project completes ahead of schedule

The Ministry of PTT and Western Electric have announced operation of the system all over the Kingdom



Dr. Alawi Darweesh Kayal, the minister of Post, Telephone and Telegraph and Mr. Larry Donohue of Western Electric.

In 1976, a decision was made by Majesty's Government to install a Kingdom-wide Microwave system. On June 6, 1977, the Bell System and the Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones of Saudi Arabia signed the Intra-Kingdom Microwave Project contract. His Majesty Dr. Alawi Darweesh Kayal, Minister of PTT, while signing the project said, "The most important to the Kingdom's growing prosperity is a program to improve and expand telecommunication capability. Microwave network will be the basis of this program. To accomplish this we invited the developers of sophisticated telecommunication systems to submit

proposals based on our requirements for a Microwave network. Companies from all over the world submitted their proposals. We selected a United States team.

Western Electric is the prime contractor with overall responsibility for the project. On this occasion I wish to congratulate His Majesty, King Khaled Bin Abdul Aziz, and the Government of Saudi Arabia on this significant achievement and I wish to congratulate our citizens on this subject, the advantages of which are well-known to all. On a such advantage is that it will link all the cities of the Kingdom through a modern communication network."

The contract was signed by Dr. Alawi Darweesh Kayal, Minister of PTT, and D. E. Procknow, President of Western Electric. Speaking on the same occasion the contractor said, "We look forward to working with the Kingdom in what amounts to a very important operation both for the Kingdom and ourselves. As we have said before,

WHAT WE SAY WE WILL DO, WE WILL REALLY DO, and we intend to turn over an excellent working system which helps the Kingdom in its plan for growth and modernization."

The entire Microwave network project was scheduled for completion on December 5, 1979. Today

Mr. L. A. DONOHUE of the WESTERN ELECTRIC COMPANY announces that through the guidance and direction of the Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones, and with the help of some 122 Saudi firms who were involved in this project providing a wide variety of supplies and services, the project was completed and operational ahead of the scheduled date. A significant contribution to the success of this venture was made by Saudi Arabian Airlines which made its mark in

history by providing one of the greatest commercial airlifts in bringing most of the electronic equipment required for the project from New York City to three

airfields of Riyadh, Jeddah and Dhahran. The project was scheduled in 3 stages. The first stage between Riyadh and Buraydah was scheduled for completion on October 5, 1978 and it was completed and provisionally accepted and put into services on October 5, 1978. The second phase included Microwave service between the following cities:

Buraydah to Medina
Medina to Jeddah
Taif to Albaha
Albaha to Abha
Buraydah to Hail
Medina to Tabuk
Dammam to Khafji

The service between these cities was scheduled for completion on June 5, 1979. Some of the service, such as from Buraydah to Medina, was completed and put into operation three months ahead of schedule. The remaining routes were also completed either ahead of schedule or by the contract date. The final portion of the project involving all of the remaining services was scheduled for completion on December 5, 1979. All of these routes were also completed either ahead of schedule, such as Riyadh to Dammam which was six months early, or in accordance with the contract.

Mounted high on steel towers the Microwave system transmits high frequency signals through the atmosphere from tower to tower creating a network with transmission capacity to handle the future telecommunication demands of private and business communities. At each tower location electronic signals are received by antennas. Since the signals have to travel a long distance, the strength gets diminished. Therefore the signals are sent to specially designed electronic equipment held in shelters at the base of each tower. Here they are reamplified, strengthened and then sent back to antennas for rebroadcast to the next tower. The signals travel almost at the speed of light from one destination to another simultaneously carrying thousands of telephone calls as well as electronic data and TV programs. The Microwave network has now enabled the Ministry of Information to feed back TV programs throughout the Kingdom.

The Ministry will also be able to present its programs on Islamic Religion, Arab Culture, Medical Information, Educational Prog-

ram, Football Contests and Important Events while they are actually happening on all TV stations simultaneously. The system has enabled more areas of the Kingdom to make use of the satellite links for international communication.

The Microwave network is equipped to provide other services as well. The overall project includes a roadside emergency telephone system paralleling the network so that the Ministry of Interior can provide emergency assistance to the motorist traveling in remote areas. Telephones are located along the network about 20 kilometers apart, providing communication for about three minutes with the nearest police station. This phone requires

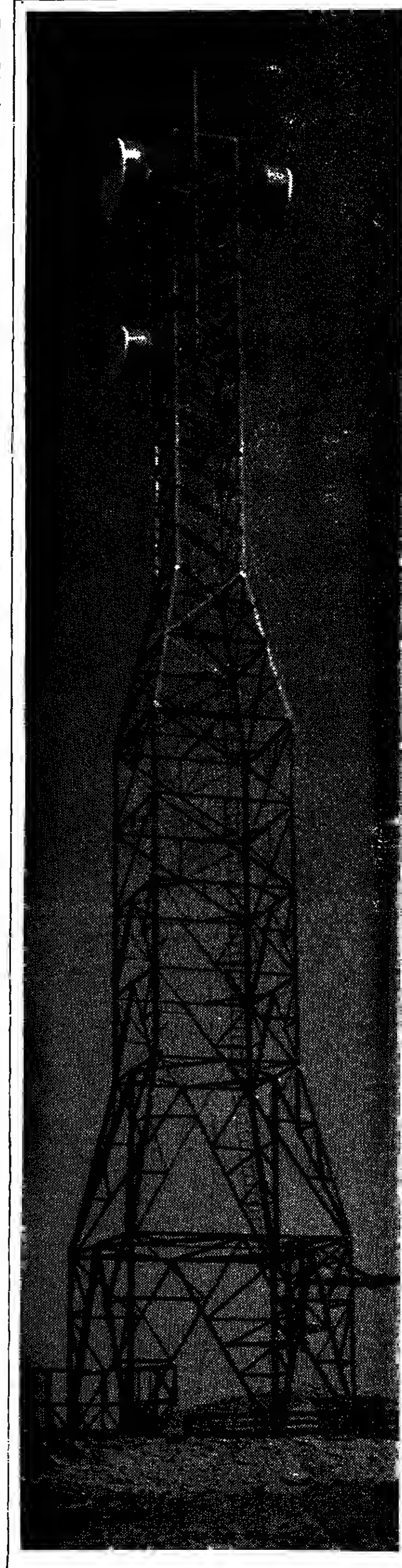
no dialing. Suppose there is a road accident. Another driver sees that someone has been badly hurt. He goes to the nearest roadside emergency telephone and pushes the lower button to send the signal to the nearest Microwave tower which transmits it to the nearest police station. The caller's location is identified automatically for the officer on duty who inquires about the nature of the emergency. If the caller does not speak Arabic, the emergency telephone has a panel of buttons, each with a symbol for a different emergency service and in this case the ambulance button is pushed. This alerts the police officer to rush to the scene of the accident.

All this is not a dream. The Microwave system has come to exist. The system is now providing over 35,000 long distance telephone circuits as well as Telex, Data and Television channels. The existence of the Microwave project can be seen throughout the Kingdom. Over 300 sites have now been installed, most of which are equipped with very high towers and antennas that can be seen from many kilometers. Each of these sites required extensive excavation and many, many cubic meters of concrete and reinforcing steel to support the tower, shelter and fuel tanks. The most difficult portion of the job, according to WESTERN ELECTRIC CO., were the very difficult sites through the mountains that run North to South in the Western Province.

In America at the Western Electric Education Center, management training courses were attended by Saudi students who were trained for supervisory responsibilities in the Microwave network. Students were instructed in every aspect of the Microwave system, operation, manufacture and system maintenance. They have finished their studies and have come back with a keen sense of the responsible part they will play in the future of the system. They were trained to manage, operate and maintain the Microwave network. These trainees were asked to comment on the network and the effect it will have on the daily lives of Saudi citizens. One of them said, "It will affect the distribution of the population in the cities. Right now there are cities like Riyadh, Jeddah, Dammam, Mecca and Medina and they are fairly congested due to the existence of communication facilities in these cities. Let us take a businessman in a small city. When his business starts to grow he has to move to a larger city where he has access to telephone and telex facilities to conduct his business. This contributed to over-population in larger cities. If he has these facilities in small towns, he can stay there and this will help the small town to develop."

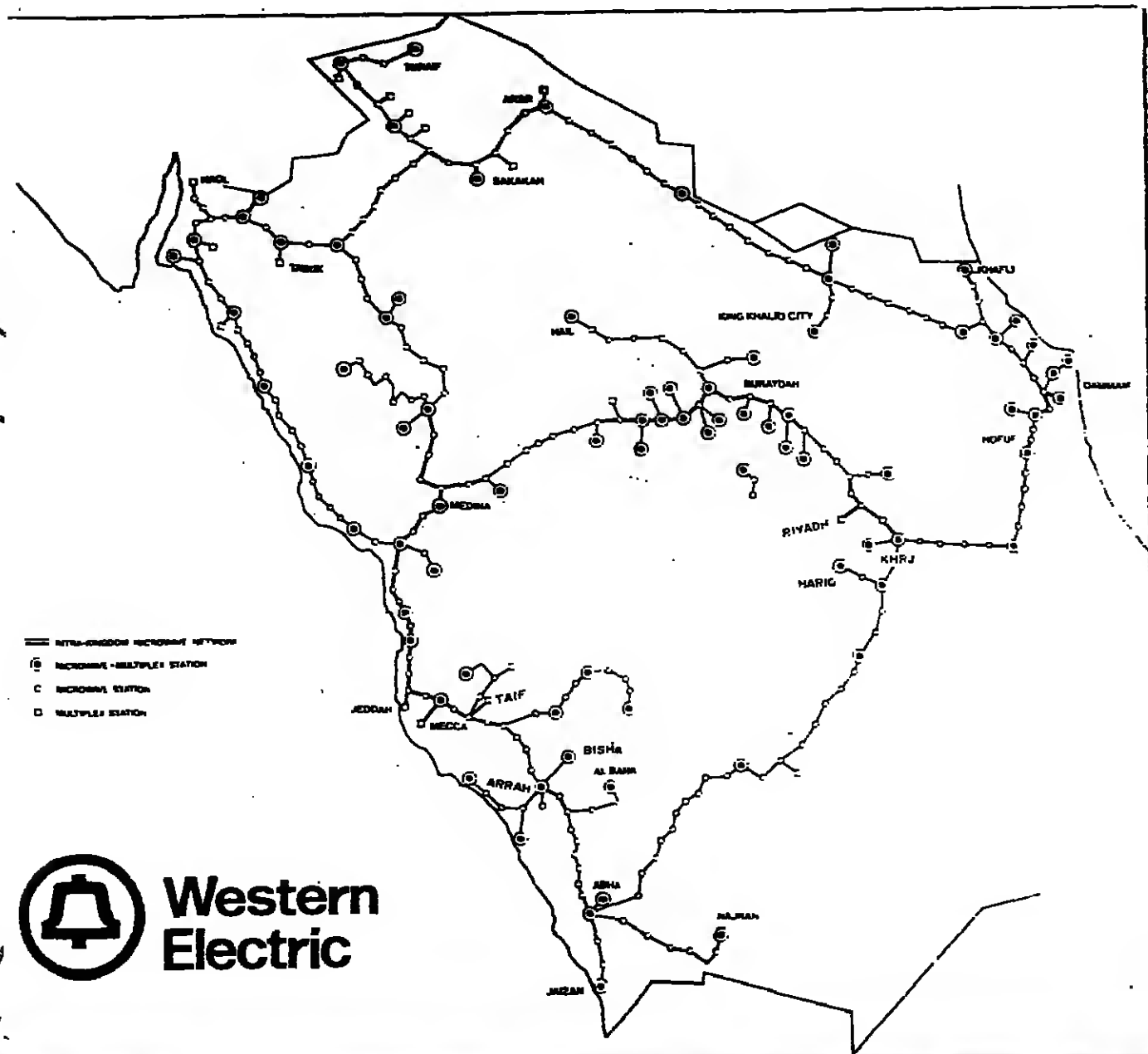
Another said, "Also it will give the farmers and villagers a chance to watch the TV programs which concern them specially in the agricultural areas about things like the soil characteristics and crop planning."

Throughout history, communication in one form or another has helped nations to grow. Now the people of Saudi Arabia will witness the dynamic change brought about by this system that will increase the determination of knowledge and information throughout the Kingdom.



The picture of the tower that has been shown here is one of the 300 constructed. This is another symbol of the commitment of His Majesty's government towards the people of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The golden development of human resources correctly depends upon conveying information with ease and speed in any part of this beloved Kingdom, that

is why His Majesty's government supported this project and paid close attention to its development. We know that this project will have great importance in Saudi Arabia's economic, cultural and commercial life. We therefore congratulate His Majesty's government, King KHALID, and His Royal Highness Prince FAHAD, on the successful accomplishment of this project.



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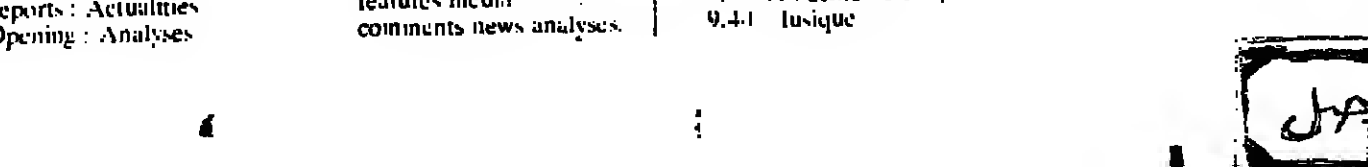
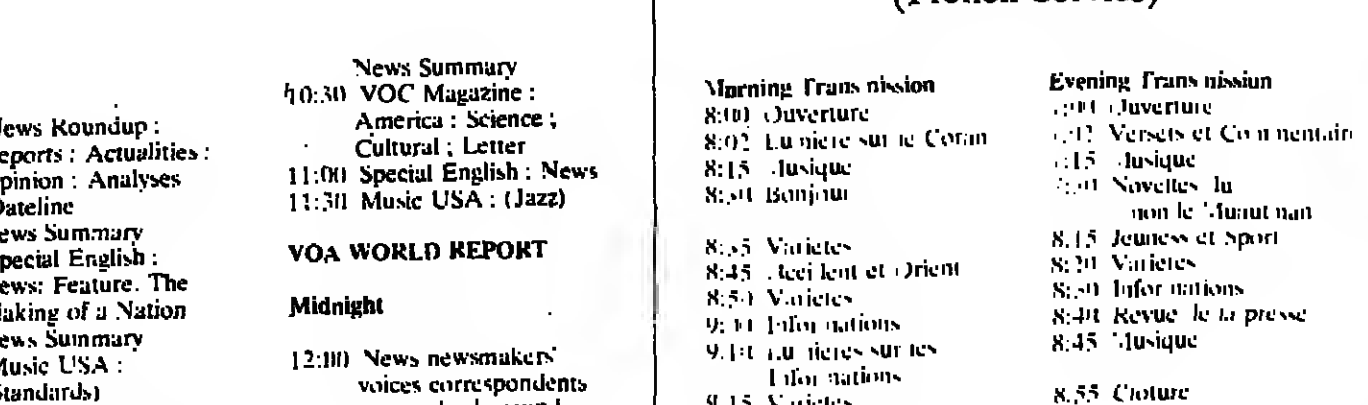
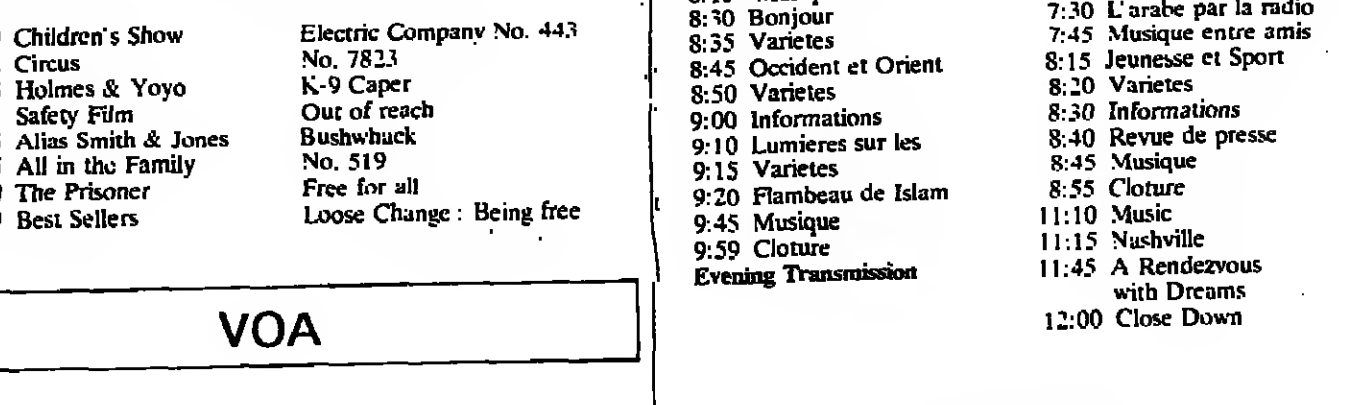
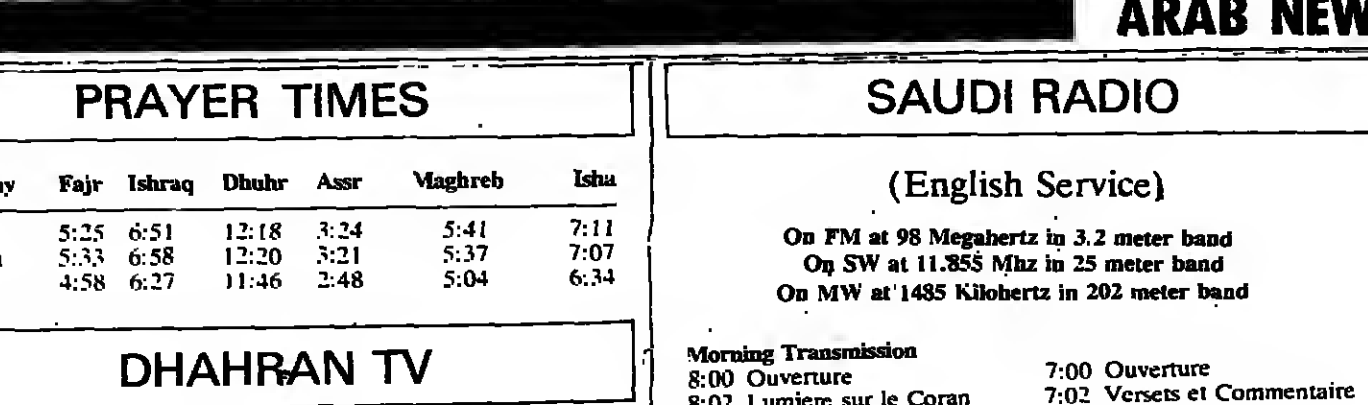
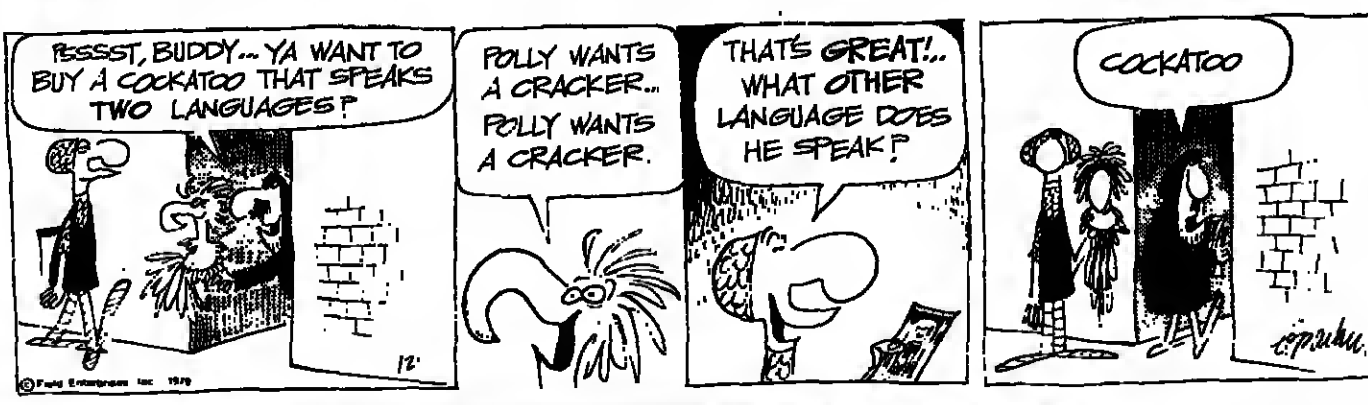
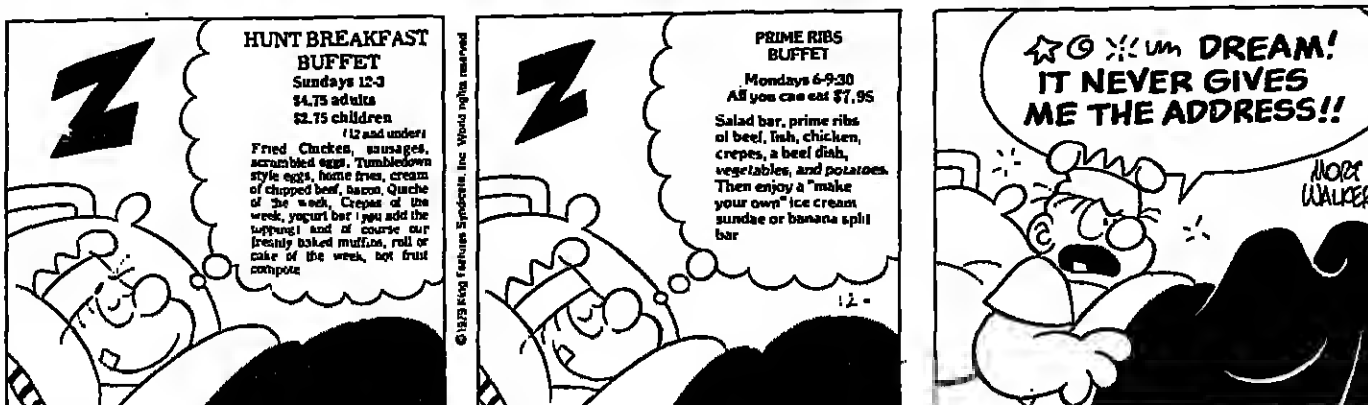
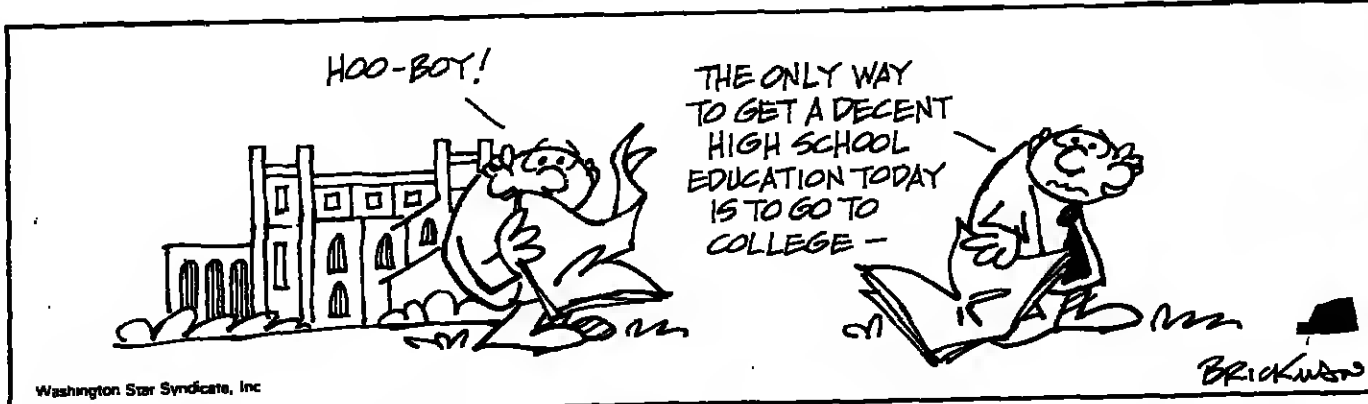
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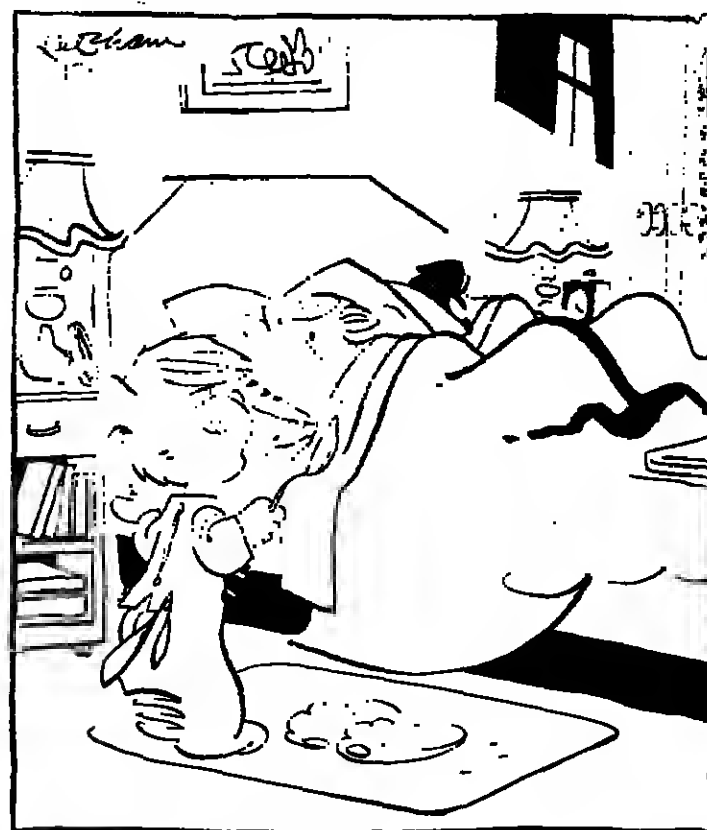
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"I GOT EVERYTHING READY FOR BREAKFAST 'CEPT I CAN'T OPEN THE TACO SAUCE!"

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Heavy sword

6 Old

11 Turkish coin

12 Star

13 "Paris of Italy"

14 Choose

15 - esprit

16 Go wrong

18 Main star

19 Collection of sayings

20 Understood

21 Wrath

22 Require

24 Church

25 Snake

27 Rouse

28 From bed

29 Head

30 Butter

31 Japanese volcano

32 Youngster

33 Sound

35 Life

36 comb. form

37 Time

38 Actress

39 Pappas

40 Hope for

42 Small finch

43 Succinct



Yesterday's Answer

mate

17 Lever

27 Beam

29 Dear friend

31 Wee

33 Revolt

34 Thin down

39 Insect

41 Skin

43 nuisance

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR

is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three I's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Yesterday's Cryptquote: A MAN WHO STAYS A WEEK WITH ANOTHER MAKES HIM A SLAVE FOR A WEEK. -SAMUEL JOHNSON

Believe It or Not!



Contract : B. Jay Becker

When to Cover an Honor

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 9 8 7 5

♥ Q 9 7 5

♦ K 9 6 7 5

WEST

♠ K 8 6 2

♥ A K 6

♦ 8 5 4

♣ J 4

EAST

♠ J 3

♥ 1 3 2

♦ J 10 7 3

♣ A 5 2

The bidding:

South West North East

1♣ Pass 1NT Pass

3♣ Pass Pass

Opening lead - queen of clubs.

The principle of covering an honor with an honor is cited with reverence from Walla Walla to Dnepropetrovsk, but the fact is that this rule is not quite as simple as it sounds.

Thus, it is surely correct to cover with the king if declarer leads the jack from the J-3-2.

Facing the A-Q-4. Covering with the king holds declarer to two tricks instead of the three he would make if the jack were ducked.

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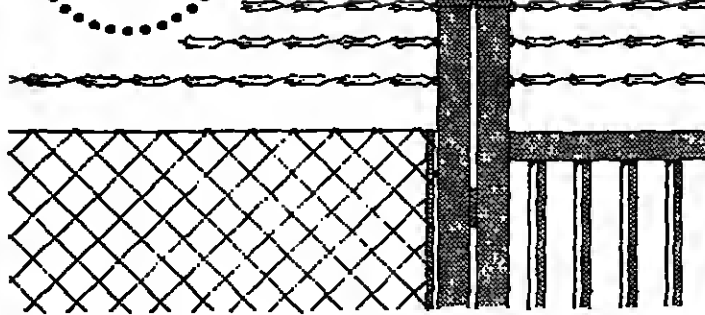
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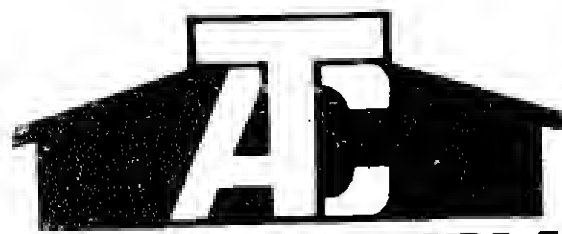
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International

Lord Soames appointed governor

Negotiations on Rhodesia reach breakthrough

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Agencies) — Britain Friday announced that its rebel colony of Zimbabwe Rhodesia will return to legality next week when Lord Soames arrives there to take over as governor.

The decision was revealed in Parliament when the government named the British administrative team that will steer Rhodesia to legal independence.

It said Lord Soames, a senior figure in Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's cabinet, will go to Salisbury next week even if overall agreement at peace talks here are not signed.

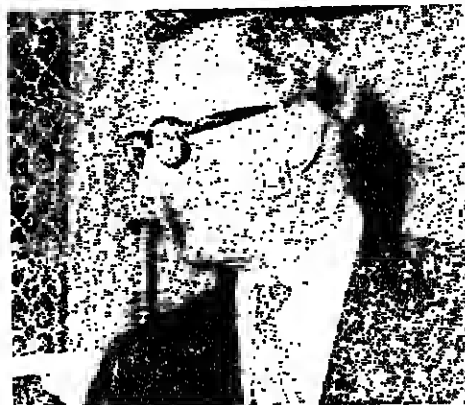
Agreement in principle has been reached but Patriotic Front guerrillas are still arguing about ceasefire details.

The announcement means the end of a rebellion that began in 1965 when former white Premier Ian Smith declared the territory independent rather than accept moves to black majority rule.

When the governor arrives in Salisbury, Rhodesia will return to legality, cabinet minister Sir Ian Gilmour told Parliament.

Sir Ian said of Lord Soames' appointment, "In view of the exacting nature of the tasks which the governor will have to fulfil during this period, the government thought it right to recommend the appointment of a senior member of the cabinet with wide ministerial experience."

A Conservative leader of the Lords, Soames is a member of the Mrs. Thatcher's cabinet. In previous Conservative governments, the former Coldstream Guards officer



Lord Carrington

was secretary in 1958-60 and agriculture minister in 1960-64. He was British ambassador to France 1968-72.

Sir Ian said that by appointing Soames as governor, Mrs. Thatcher's government was demonstrating the great importance it attaches to providing "conditions in which freed elections can be held as a means of bringing Rhodesia to independence on the basis of genuine majority rule."

The announcement came after Thursday night's publication of the bill that will create an independent Zimbabwe next year.

And in Washington the U.S. Senate voted Thursday 90 to 0 to lift economic sanctions against Salisbury as soon as the governor takes over.



Joshua Nkomo

The Zimbabwe bill is expected to get emergency passage through parliament by next Wednesday.

It includes an amnesty for guerrillas and for the whites who declared unilateral independence in 1965. Their action led to United Nations sanctions and sparked off a seven-year war with the Patriotic Front guerrillas led by Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe.

Britain's decision to press ahead with plans for an independent, black-ruled Zimbabwe follow Wednesday night's breakthrough in the 13-week constitutional conference at Lancaster House.

Under the chairmanship of British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, a "basic agreement" was hammered out on a ceasefire bet-

ween the Front and Prime Minister Abel Muzorewa's white-led forces.

The U.S. State Department hailed the "historical accomplishment" and U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim "warmly welcomed" the breakthrough. U.S. Congressman Stephen Solarz (D-New York) said he thought Carrington deserved the Nobel Peace Prize.

When Mrs. Thatcher was told of this in the House of Commons Thursday, she responded, "And so say all of us."

The euphoria didn't last long, however. At the peace talks, mugging Front doubts about cease-fire logistics brought a threat from Nkomo to "tear up" the agreement.

Front negotiators balked at Britain's plan to confine the guerrillas to 19 rendezvous points, while making no similar arrangements for Rhodesia's forces under white Gen. Peter Walls.

"General Walls has been trying all these years to catch our forces without success. But the British now propose to get us all into one place or a few places so that the Rhodesian forces can at last get us," said guerrilla commander Josiah Tongogara.

The Front also refused to disclose the strength of its forces until the Rhodesian army did likewise.

The momentum of the war is such that 1,300 people have been killed since peace talks began here Sept. 10.

Meanwhile, in Lusaka, Zambian newspaper editorials Friday welcomed the peace settlement but called upon both parties to the agreement to exercise "discipline and restraint and a total embargo on the use of force."

The Zambian need for a settlement to the seven-year conflict was underscored by the announcement in Parliament Thursday that corn supplies were sufficient only to last only 13 weeks and were expected to run out at the end of the first week in March. Ground corn is a staple diet in Zambia.

Zambian Minister of Agriculture Alexander Chikwanda said that stocks, as of Nov. 30, stood at 234,000 metric tons and consumption was running at peak levels of about 58,000 tons per month.

Chikwanda said millers were being rationed to avoid the development of more serious problems in the coming months.

He ruled out rationing food at the consumer level, saying black marketing was already flourishing in the country.

The Hague votes 'No'

U.S., European leaders meet on missiles

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (Agencies) — U.S. President Jimmy Carter, seeking ways to preserve NATO unity in the face of a strong Soviet propaganda campaign, tried Friday to persuade leaders of Norway, the Netherlands and Denmark to adhere to plans for introducing a new generation of nuclear missiles in Western Europe.

Carter met Friday morning with Prime Minister Odvar Nordli of Norway and planned to see Prime Minister Andreas van Agt of the Netherlands later. Denmark's foreign minister, Kjeld Olesen, was to meet with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and White House National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski.

All three countries have voiced reservations about the U.S.-backed plan for modernizing the NATO nuclear deterrent in the 1980s.

The plan, to be considered by North Atlantic Treaty Organization ministers in Brussels next week, has become a major test of U.S. leadership in the face of determined Soviet efforts to prevent modernization of the NATO nuclear force.

Before Nordli met with Carter, he conferred with Vice President Walter Mondale, Vance, Defense Secretary Harold Brown and Brzezinski.

"We have some very important questions to discuss," Nordli told Mondale, whose father was born in Norway.

Tourists in commanding lead

India, Pakistan resume Test today

NEW DELHI, Dec. 7 (R) — Pakistan were in a commanding position against India in the second cricket Test after reaching 197 for four in their second innings for an overall lead of 344 after three days' play.

Majid Khan, Zaheer Abbas, Wasim Raja and skipper Asif Iqbal were the main contributors to Pakistan's second innings which has the potential of growing considerably further with Imran Khan waiting to bat at number seven.

Majid made 40 and Zaheer 50, Wasim (52 not out) and Asif (38 not out) continue a partnership already worth 49 on Saturday after Friday's rest day.

Pakistan bowled out India for 126 within six minutes of the start of play Thursday when the last pair of Yashpal Sharma and Dilip Doshi came in to resume batting.

Doshi edged a catch to Javed Miandad at slip in the second over of the morning before a run was added to the overnight total. Asif claimed that wicket and fast bowler Sikander

Bakht had to be content with his eight wickets taken Wednesday at a cost of 69 runs.

The ball moved and swung Thursday as on the two previous days. Though batting was not easy, the Pakistani talent for stroke play prevailed.

Syed Kirmani, keeping wicket brilliantly for India, was involved in three of the four dismissals, scooping up difficult chances. He now holds the Indian record with 85 Test dismissals.

In Adelaide England's match against South Australia ended in a listless draw Thursday, but it gave the touring side valuable batting practice for their next three games, all against Australia.

South Australia, set to score 254 in 175 minutes to win, ended at 181 for three.

Mike Brearley declared England's second innings at 227 for seven. South Australia had scored 226 for four declared in reply to England's first innings 252 for two declared.

taken at next week's meeting.

The Dutch parliamentary vote risked causing a split between the Christian Democratic (CDA) and Liberal (VVD) parties which make up the ruling coalition.

Ministers had urged members of Parliament to throw out the resolution, saying it could lead to the Dutch becoming isolated within NATO.

Government officials said that although they were not legally bound by the resolution, they would have to tell their allies they could not program because of parliamentary opposition.

The Netherlands was to have taken 48 cruise missiles under the NATO plans.

IRA scandal forgotten

Haughey to be Irish leader

DUBLIN, Dec. 7 (AP) — Charles Haughey, dismissed from the Irish government nine years ago because of alleged involvement in running guns to Irish Republican Army guerrillas, was designated prime minister of Ireland Friday by the ruling Fianna Fail Party.

He was cleared of the gun running charge later by the courts, but was out in the political wilderness until he staged a comeback that has taken him to the premiership.

Haughey, 54, was elected leader of the party by Fianna Fail's 82 parliamentary deputies, 44 votes to 38, beating his long-time rival, Finance Minister George Colley.

Prime Minister Jack Lynch, 62, in power for nine of the past 13 years, announced his resignation on Wednesday. Party sources said Lynch had been confident the time was right for Colley to move in.

Haughey will take office as prime minister next Tuesday.

A self-made millionaire and top racehorse breeder, he won the power struggle sparked by Lynch's resignation, despite the opposition of virtually all the members of Lynch's cabinet.

Haughey is a hard-liner who seeks to unify partitioned Ireland by pressing the British to pull out of their Northern Ireland province.

Observers believe he will now take a tougher line than Lynch, who cooperated with the British to try to find a political settlement to the 10-year-old Northern Ireland conflict.

Friday's leadership contest climaxed



Prime Minister Lynch

the life-long rivalry between the charismatic Haughey, who until now was health minister, and Colley, 54.

The two men have competed since childhood. Friends said they tried to outdo each other when they were at school and college together.

They tangled for the leadership of Fianna Fail in 1966, when Lynch was brought in as a compromise candidate to take over from premier Sean Lemass.

"Today was a showdown that has been coming since 1966," a Haughey aide commented as Haughey supporters standing outside the parliament buildings cheered when the result was announced.

Haughey had had a stormy political career since he first took government office in 1960. In previous Fianna Fail governments he has headed the justice, agriculture and finance departments.

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